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BRITISH CAPTURE LENS; TOTAL OF PRISONERS IN GREAT BATTLE GROWS TO 13,000! Germans Lose 166 Guns, Many Heavies; Numerous Pieces Buried Or Demolished!

U. S. HOUSE PASSES LOAN OF 7 BILLION FOR WAR PURPOSES

\$3,000,000,000 To Powers
Actually In Battle
With Germany

TO HELP RUSSIANS

Government May Send
Commission To Discuss Co-
operative Measures

CREDIT PROBABLE

American Naval Men Meet
Allies To Arrange Ac-
tion By Fleet

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Washington, April 14.—The House of Representatives has voted unanimously the \$3,000,000,000 war loan, of which \$2,000,000,000 is available for the Entente.

The Bill limits the distribution of the foreign loan to countries actually at war with Germany.

There were cheers from the floor of the House and from the galleries when the figures \$300 for and none against were announced.

It is officially announced that the Government is considering sending a Commission to Russia, to ascertain how it can aid the new Government and to consider all the phases of co-operation between Russia and America in the war. A large credit to Russia will probably be granted as soon as Congress passes the War Loan Bill, possibly before the Commission goes to Russia.

It was a conference of British, French and American naval officials which decided on the patrol-work to be carried out by the American fleet.

JOINT ACTION IS DUE, STATES WANG FU-WEI

Should Seriously Engage In Im-
proving China and Japan
Inter-Communication

(Reuter's Pacific Service in The China Press)

Tokio, April 16.—Mr. Wang Fu-wei, Vice-Minister of Communications, on the eve of his departure made the following statement to the press: "Brief as my stay has been, the very cordial receptions accorded everywhere have enabled me to bring home useful and lasting impressions calculated to bring our two countries closer together. The stage has now been reached in the relations of our two countries to carry out in a practical manner and realize our friendship by promoting our mutual interests, economic and otherwise.

"Improvement in communications and conveyance between the two countries is necessary for that purpose. China has much to learn from the railway system of Japan and I hope facilities for inter-communication between both countries may come to be realized to some extent as the result of my visit."

Grateful for Navy's Work, S. Africa Makes Grant of £1,000,000

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Capetown, April 15.—At the South African Party Congress, the Hon. F. S. Malan, Minister of Mines, announced that the Union Government has decided to grant the Imperial Government the sum of £1,000,000, in recognition of the protection afforded by the navy, under which exports from South Africa have proceeded as usual.

U-Boat Torpedo Photographed



U. BOAT TORPEDO

The photograph shows a torpedo fired from a German submarine which has just missed its quarry. The picture was taken from the stern of a vessel which succeeded in turning just in time for the deadly "sea shark" to pass harmlessly by. It is one of the most unusual pictures made during the war.

Lloyd George Appeals For Home-Grown Food

1,500,000 Tons Less Foodstuffs
In Coming Year And Too
Many Live-Stock

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, April 15.—At a conference of the Norfolk War and Agricultural Committee, held at Norwich, yesterday, a letter from Mr. Lloyd George was read, in which he appealed to workers on the land to give the utmost help in growing food, "as we may have to feed the army and navy, besides ourselves, on home-grown food."

A Memorandum by the Board of Agriculture states that the diminished importation and military requirements will reduce feeding-stuffs in the country during the coming year by 1,500,000 tons. Simultaneously, the number of live-stock is unprecedentedly large and, therefore, rationing of feeding-stuffs and a substantial reduction of the live-stock are essential.

New American Postal Agent, E. H. Everett, Arrives In Shanghai

Mr. E. H. Everett, who has been appointed to fill the office of United States Postal Agent here, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. J. M. Darrah, arrived in Shanghai on Saturday by the s.s. Empress of Asia and will shortly take over full control from Mr. E. H. Murray, chief assistant, who has been in charge since Mr. Darrah left.

Mr. Everett started business life as a journalist, in which he did very well on several big American papers and admits to some regret that he ever left the profession. Be that as it may, he has not been a failure in his second choice.

He joined the United States postal service and for many years now has been at the Washington headquarters, holding an important post in the railway transportation branch. Mr. Everett repeats what we have heard so many times before, that the Department has nothing but praise for Mr. Darrah and the work he has done here and he is well aware of the fact that it will be no light task to earn the same figure of merit.

He is an entire stranger to the East, but should fit in well with Shanghai, for he is of a confident and engaging disposition.

Mr. Everett's daughter is graduating from School this spring. Mrs. Everett and a young son remained in America for this event following which the family will join Mr. Everett here.

Russia Denies Entry To Danish Socialist

He Intended Joining Confer-
ence; Germans Give Free Pas-
sage To Revolutionaries

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Copenhagen, April 13.—A Danish Socialist member of the Rigsdag, Borgbjerg, who recently started for Petrograd, to confer with the Russian Socialists, has not been permitted to enter Russia.

London, April 14.—A curious story comes from Stockholm that thirty Russian revolutionaries from Switzerland have passed through there on their way to Petrograd, the German Government having waived the examination of their passports and baggage, on condition of their promising to obtain the release of a similar number of German civilians from the concentration camps.

SO LONG, WHITE SHIPS!

All the American warships in Chinese waters have donned their dark grey war paint. Nothing has been done with regard to internment.

GERMANS SELLING OUT

Hankow, April 15.—German merchants at Hankow, expecting China to declare war against Germany, following the example of the United States, have become pessimistic and are auctioning their stock in trade and some of them are trying to sell their landed property.

Eddystone Explosion Leads to 4 Arrests

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Washington, April 13.—Four arrests have been made in connection with the explosion at the Eddystone Ammunition Factory.

Mail Notices

MAILS CLOSE

For Japan:—
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Kumano M. Apr. 18
Per C.M. s.s. China..... Apr. 18
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Yawata M. Apr. 20
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Omi Maru... Apr. 21
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Chikugo M. Apr. 24
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Hakua M. Apr. 28
For U.S., Canada, and Europe:—
Per C.M. s.s. China..... Apr. 18
Per T.K.K. s.s. Persia Maru Apr. 19
For Europe:—
Per N.Y.K. Hirano Maru May 2
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Fushimi M. May 5
The American mail is due here on or about April 19, per N.Y.K. s.s. Inaba Maru.

BOLIVIA CUTS OUT KAISER; PARAGUAY ADHERES TO U. S.

Sinking Of Argentine Ship
Heightens Fight Fever;
Suggest Coalition

BRAZIL EXPEDITION

Papers Launch Proposal To
Send 200,000 Men To
European Front

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

La Paz, April 13.—Bolivia has severed relations with Germany.

Asuncion, April 14.—Paraguay has declared its adhesion and sympathy with the attitude adopted by the United States towards Germany.

Buenos Aires, April 14.—Official.—The Argentine sailing-ship Monte Protegido has been sunk in European waters. A minute inquiry has been ordered. The news has created a great impression.

Excited crowds are parading the streets, shouting: "Down with the German murderers!" The German newspaper offices have closed, fearing an attack.

It is stated that the Governments of the Argentine, Brazil and Chile are negotiating for the convocation at Buenos Aires of an assembly of the South American Republics, with a view to establishing an entente of the whole continent regarding war-problems.

Rio de Janeiro, April 14.—Today, Brazilian blue-jackets occupied the interned German ships, amid the cheers of the crowds.

It is suggested in the newspapers that Brazil should send 200,000 infantry to Europe.

SPANISH NOTE DEMANDS SECURITY FOR SUBJECTS

Liberal Party Makes Strong
Appeal For Vigorous Ac-
tion Against Germany

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Madrid, April 14.—As the result of an outcry in the Press that the Government has concluded agreements involving a breach of neutrality, a semi-official communication declares that the agreements made by the Government do not modify its policy. Neither does the Note to Germany, which is a more vigorous repetition of the Note presented to Germany on February 6, and demands that the lives of Spanish subjects shall be respected.

The communication discloses the fact that Germany offered to permit importations from America to Spain, even of contraband, on condition that contraband goods remained in Spain, but Spanish exports to America would be subject to the regulations of the German Prize Court.

Comments in the Spanish press reveal a distinct cleavage of opinion with respect to the situation created by ruthless submarine warfare. The Liberal organs are strongly in favor of vigorous action against Germany, emphasizing the solidarity of the Cabinet and the necessity for national unity.

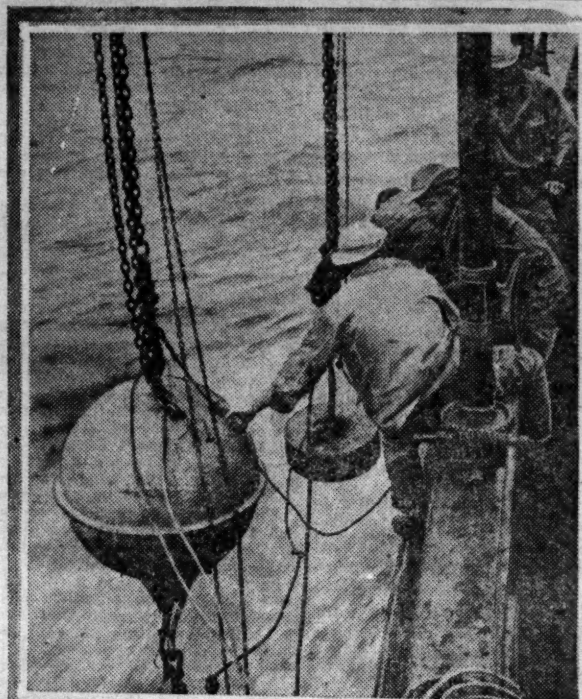
On the other hand, the Conservative Journals strongly oppose intervention, declaring that it would ruin Spain, without being in any way decisive.

The Captain of the Spanish s.s. San Fulgencio states that the captain of a German submarine, covering him with a revolver, compelled him to carry a bomb in his own boat to sink his own ship.

The Weather

Misty weather. The maximum temperature recorded yesterday was 76.7 and the minimum 50.0, the figures for the corresponding day last year being respectively 67.1 and 47.0.

U. S. Defenders Launching Mine



LAUNCHING A MINE

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Members of the Engineering Corps, U. S. Coast Artillery, preparing to launch a mine off Fort Strong, Boston, during mine-laying practice. This is one of the ways in which American ports will be protected. It has developed during the present war that minefields offer as much hindrance to the operation of submarines as to the operation of battle-ships.

Vice-President and Chang Hsun Advise War Against Germany; No More Waiting

Tokio And Washington Ministers Also Urge Immediate
Action; Premier Assured Of Majority's Support

CHINA PRESS OWN SERVICE

Peking, April 16.—Both Generals Feng Kuo-chang and Chang Hsun have wired to the President, the Cabinet and Military Governors, strongly favoring war on Germany, either conditionally or unconditionally, without further hesitation, as China cannot remain in mid-stream.

The Chinese Ministers in Tokio and Washington have also wired in favor of immediately following America's lead, otherwise China will lose her international position.

Generals Feng Kuo-chang and Chang Hsun will attend the military conference personally. There is no doubt that Premier Tuan will secure a majority for carrying out his foreign policy.

President Li says that he will abide by the majority decisions at the coming conference and in Parliament. This conference will also settle all the unsolved military questions.

Concessions To China

Peking, April 14.—(Eastern News Agency).—The powers concerned have not decided anything about the desiderata of China and the question whether China will declare war against Germany has become complicated.

The powers concerned are very carefully considering the concessions to the following extent and not beyond:—

1.—The Customs tariff may get the consent of the powers to be an effective five per cent ad valorem but even then the powers are trying to

place certain conditions in accordance with their respective interests. It is impossible to raise the tariff to 7½ or 12½ per cent ad valorem.

2.—To the postponement of the payment of the Boxer indemnity the powers are opposed the most and it will be impossible to get the consent of the powers to postpone it for ten years and even if the postponement is consented to it will not be extended more than two or three years.

3.—To the withdrawal of the foreign garrisons at Tientsin and other places it will be difficult to get the consent of the powers even though conditional.

China and Entente Powers

Peking, April 14.—On April 13 the Central Government wired to all the provinces three reasons for the declaration of war against Germany to the following effect:—

1.—If China does not take any further step than the severance of diplomatic relations with Germany, it will cause an unpleasant feeling among the Entente Powers and China will lose her friendship with both sides of the belligerent nations and China will be in an isolated position in the peace conference.

2.—Though China joins the side of the Entente Powers China will not join in actual warfare but simply give facilities in supplying materials, provided that the provisions and military supplies given to the Entente Powers will be limited so as not to cause any inconvenience to the people of China.

3.—As China has declared it would take up the same attitude as the U.S.A., even so that were China to declare war against Germany or China will lose the confidence of the Powers.

HEAR CHINA GERMANS CHANGING NATIONALITY

Government Gives Magistrates
Instructions To Guard
Against Procedure

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Canton, April 14.—Hearing that some Germans are changing their nationality, the Government has ordered the magistrates to guard against such a procedure.

ALLOW GERMANS LESS BREAD BY A QUARTER

Rations Of Meat And Potatoes,
However, Are On More
Liberal Scale

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Amsterdam, April 13.—Bread rations in Germany have been reduced by a quarter, but meat and potatoes have been increased.

BATTLE LINE HAS ADVANCED 3 MILES PAST VIMY RIDGE

Haig Says Positions Main-
tained Everywhere; Ser-
ious Loss Inflicted

MANY TOWNS FALL

Much Booty Is Gained
When Teuton Garrison Is
Rushed Out Of Levin

ABORTIVE TACTICS

Hindenburg's 6-Mile Wide
Attack Fails, But Gets
Footing in Lagnicourt

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, April 15.—(Direct).—The British have entered Lens.

London, April 15.—Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reported on Friday evening: We extended our operations, northwards, today, east and north of Vimy Ridge. We pressed back the enemy along our whole front, from north of Scarpe River to southward of Loos and seized the villages of Bailleul, Willerval, Petit Vimy, Vimy, Givenchy-en-Gohelle and Angres.

We also gained a footing in the enemy's trenches, north-west of Lens, capturing prisoners and guns in this area. Southward of the Arras to Cambrai road, we captured Wancourt Tower and advanced, astride the Hindenburg line, to seven miles south-eastward of Arras. We also made progress on the high ground eastward of Le Verguier and in Havrincourt Wood. Yesterday, we drove down five hostile aeroplanes. Three of ours are missing.

Take 13,000 Prisoners
Since the 9th, we have taken 13,000 prisoners, of whom 285 were officers. We have captured 166 guns, of which eight were 8-inchers and 158 field-guns and howitzers, 84 trench-mortars and 250 machine-guns. In addition, many guns have been demolished or buried.

Sir Douglas Haig reported yesterday afternoon: On Friday night, after a sharp fight, we carried the village of Fayet, a mile north-westward of St. Quentin. We captured the important positions of Ascension Farm and Grand Priel Farm, on the high ground eastward of Le Verguier.

We also made progress northward of the Bapaume to Cambrai road, in the direction of Queant. Our constant pressure compelled the enemy to yield further ground, northward of the River Scarpe.

We seized Vimy Station and La Chaudiere and the enemy's positions at Fosse No. 6 and Buquet Mill, between Givenchy-en-Gohelle and Angres. The guns captured in this area include four 8-inch howitzers.

The ground gained in these recent operations links up with the positions gained in the battle of Loos and includes Double Crassier. We drove off an attempted raid, eastward of Loos.

Levin Is Captured

Sir Douglas Haig reported in the evening: This morning, we captured Levin, south-westward of and adjoining Lens, taking considerable quantities of war material. This afternoon we seized Cite St. Pierre, north-westward of Lens.

We pressed on along our whole front from the River Scarpe to southward of Loos and reached points two and three miles eastward of Vimy Ridge. There has been heavy fighting the whole day long, southward of the River Scarpe. Everywhere, we maintained the positions we had previously captured and inflicted serious losses on the enemy. We progressed on a wide front north and south of the Bapaume to Cambrai road. There have been fierce encounters, resulting in our favor, southward

ESCAPED CAPTIVES TELL OF GERMAN ATROCITIES

Thrashed With Whips and Rifle Butts; People Fined If Watches Not German Timed

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
London, April 14.—The stories of shameless cruel Hunism are multiplying. Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters gives numerous instances which have come to his notice during the occupation of the recently liberated territory.

In one town alone, eighty girls of superior class were kidnapped, for alleged industrial and agricultural labor. In another town, the entire population was dragged away at dawn, without warning and to an unknown destination.

The commune of Ugné-le-Gay was fined 10,000 Marks because a house was burned down, really through the fault of the Germans. Nevertheless, the fine was enforced and three local notables imprisoned on a spare diet and under rigorous treatment till it was paid.

In another town, the Germans stopped people and demanded to see their watches. If the watches did not show German time, the owners were heavily fined.

Mr. Beach Thomas, in the Daily Mail, tells the story of two of our men who were prisoners with the enemy and escaped to our lines. "What these men say will fill our army with more fury than anything yet recorded against the enemy."

"They were captured early in the year and immediately set to work near the lines, sometimes under our shell fire. They were starved from the beginning and one of them, who weighed thirteen stone when he was captured, now weighs eight."

"The other's foot is covered with boils. If they asked to be allowed to cease work, because of their weakness, they were lashed with a whip, or hit with the butt end of a rifle. Their diet consisted of a quarter of a loaf of bread and some thin soup daily, with occasional small extras. Full details are being officially recorded of this case."

Meanwhile, news of fresh atrocities at sea come in every day. The latest example is that of the French schooner Leontine. A German submarine fired a shot at the vessel, whereupon it immediately put out its boats.

The submarine watched for a few minutes and then, satisfied that the schooner was unarmed, fired forty shells into it, killing four of the crew and wounding three, including the skipper, who was conveyed to the cabin. The submarine then fired incendiary shells and, finally, put some of its crew on board.

The boatswain and cabin-boy lay bleeding on the deck and, knowing that the explosion of a bomb would mean their death, asked for mercy. The German officer's reply was to shoot the cabin-boy through the head with his revolver, the crew of the submarine meanwhile laughing and singing.

The Leontine finally blew up, with the wounded on board. Five un wounded men, however, were saved.

DR. YEN'S PASSPORT IS HELD UP BY GERMANY

That the German Government is holding up the issuance of a passport for the safe conduct of the Chinese Minister to Berlin, Dr. W. W. Yen, is disclosed in the envoy's last message to his home government. Germany gives as the reason for this hold-up the non-settlement of her request to the Chinese government to extend the life of the safe conduct issued to Admiral von Hintze, late German Minister to Peking. The Entente Powers have limited this to a period of two months. The Berlin government fears that the Admiral and his party will not be able to complete their trip within the stipulated time. The Acting Chinese Minister to Denmark has been instructed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to request the Danish Minister to Berlin to lodge a protest against this action by the Germans.

Dutch Will Starve Themselves by Aid They Give Germany

Is Telegraaf's Warning; America Taking Steps To Stop Supplies

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
Amsterdam, April 14.—Commenting on the movement in America to secure the stoppage or control of American exports to neutral countries bordering Germany, the Telegraaf says that this confirms the view it has previously expressed that the Dutch exports to Germany will finally lead to the Dutch starving themselves.

Lusitano Club Ends Team Whist Drive By Banquet and Concert

At the Lusitano Club last Saturday evening some eighty members attended a dinner party to celebrate the completion of a series of "Whist Drives," and to congratulate a team of 28 players, captained by Mr. I. J. Cruz, who met and defeated a similar number of players headed by Mr. A. M. Silva, by the close scores of 2,347 against 2,331. A smoking concert followed and was thoroughly enjoyed.

The dance hall of the Lusitano Club which was used for the occasion was artistically and most effectively decorated with the card colors, and the party sat down to an elaborate menu. The event was one of the most successful of the season.

The committee in charge of the arrangements were: Messrs. J. A. S. Alves, E. T. Rivero, M. R. Leitao, J. J. de Souza, A. A. Rodrigues, V. Goulbourn, G. M. P. Remedios, J. L. Stuart, S. del Rivero, J. C. P. d'Assumpcao, E. C. Encarnacao, J. C. Aquino, C. E. L. Ozorio, P. C. de Souza and A. C. Rozario.

The banquet ended, Mr. E. E. Encarnacao was called to the piano to render the first selection in the concert, which led the way to the following program:

Song...Could the Dreams of a Dreamer come True.
Mr. S. del Rivero
Mandolin Solo Coonland.
Mr. J. P. Alarcoun
Toast To the Victors.
Mr. S. del Rivero
Song...The Sunshine of Your Smile.
Mr. F. G. Eca da Silva
Monologue ... Cohen at the 'Phone.
Mr. J. C. d'Aquino
Song Why should I Care?
Mr. J. S. Rozario
Toast To the Vanquished.
Mr. C. E. L. Ozorio
Violin Solo (Selected).
Mr. J. F. Silva
Song They Didn't Believe Me.
Mr. A. A. Rodrigues
Trio (Violin, Mandolin and Piano)
Ave Maria.
Messrs. J. F. Silva, J. P. Alarcoun
and E. E. Encarnacao
Song Mother.
Mr. J. V. Jensen
Violin Duet (Selected).
Messrs. J. F. Silva and C. P. Simoes
Song...Where was Robinson Crusoe?
Mr. J. C. d'Aquino
Piano Solo (Finale).
Joe Aquino.

DELEGATES VISIT KING

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
London, April 15.—Sir Robert Borden, General Smuts, Sir Edward Morris and Mr. W. F. Massey have been spending the week-end at Windsor, as guests of the King and Queen. The Archbishop of Cork was invited to meet them. It is understood that other Dominion statesmen will be entertained in a similar manner, later.

News Brevities

An interesting personality at present in the city of Shanghai is a Belgian refugee violinist, Monsieur Cor de Bly by name. He was in Antwerp at the beginning of the siege but escaped with his family and incidentally his violin, which he says is a Stradivarius, to Rotterdam, from which city he was enabled by the authorities to proceed to London. He is just completing a tour of Australasia and the Dutch West Indies and is on his way to America where he will appear in vaudeville under the Orpheum management. He has been secured by the Carlton Cafe management for a few appearances at a series of Cabaret de Luxe dinners, commencing tonight. There will be other entertainment during the course of the evening, including the popular dancers, Senor Cruz and Senorita Vebencia.

On the morning of 8th inst. a bedroom "boy" at the King Edward Hotel, Hongkong, failed to obtain any response to his knocking at the door of the room occupied by J. B. Johnson, an officer on the s.s. Laishang. The manager of the Hotel was called, and, upon an entrance being forced, the occupant of the room was found lying on the floor in a pool of blood. He was quite dead, and had large wounds in the throat, on the body, and also on the hands, one wrist being almost severed, pointing to a case of determined suicide. The police were notified, and the body was removed to the public mortuary.—D. Press.

The annual general meeting of shareholders of the Chemor United Rubber Company, Ltd., will be held on Monday, April 30.

The recent murder of a Sikh at Nanking has been the subject of proceedings in the Consular Court at that port. The accused has been committed for trial by the British Supreme Court. He arrived here, under escort, at the end of last week, and will be tried on Monday, the 30th inst., before a jury.

WOMAN'S CLUB MUSICALS

A most attractive program of music has been arranged for the meeting of the American Woman's Club at the Palace Hotel this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Members are invited to bring guests. The program is as follows:

Cadman: "Prairie Sketches"
"Dawn"
"Yuccas"
"A Legend of the Plains"
"Whispers of the Night"
Mrs. Taylor
Macfaden: "Love is the Wind"
Spross: "Yesterday and Today"
Sans Souci "Where Blossoms Grow"
Mrs. Isenman
Negro Melody, arranged by
Maud Powell "Deep River"
Cecil Burleigh: "Pickaninies"
Mrs. G. S. Morse
Miss M. Jansen, Accompanist.
Arthur Whitney's Song Cycle
"Floriana"
Mrs. J. J. Connell Soprano
Mrs. F. G. Ashley Contralto
Mr. E. G. Neff Tenor
Mr. J. A. T. Thomas Baritone
Mrs. W. L. Darnall, Accompanist.

2 Men Killed When Hospital Ship Sunk

Red Cross Staff Of Gloucester Castle Show Great Courage In Saving Wounded

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
London, April 14.—The hospital-ship Gloucester Castle was torpedoed at midnight. An engineer and fireman were killed by the explosion and several stokers badly injured.

A number of vessels hastened to the rescue and took off the 450 wounded men on board, who were landed and taken to hospital. Moonlight and a calm sea facilitated the transshipment of the wounded, which was frequently difficult, owing to the number of stretcher-cases on board.

Perfect discipline was maintained and there was no panic, the nurses and doctors, with the greatest coolness, transferring the wounded entirely regardless of their own lives.

Those on board saw a submarine in the distance. The torpedo made a hole in the ship large enough to admit four men standing abreast.

Obituary

Prof. J. H. Moulton
Reuter's Service
London, April 11.—The Reverend Professor James Hope Moulton has died from exposure, after the sinking of the ship on which he was returning from India.

Mr. Lee Toma
Mr. Lee Toma, beloved father of Miss Ethel K. Lee Toma, and one of the best known and successful overseas Chinese merchants in the Hawaiian Islands, died on March 27, at 8.20 a.m. in Honolulu at the age of 56 (Chinese). Deceased leaves a widow, two sons, three daughters, eleven grand children and a brother to survive him. All were in Honolulu at the time except Miss Esther Enmol who is studying in the University of Illinois and Miss Ethel Kui-kyau who is connected with the Commercial Press here and is active in Shanghai Society.

P. AND O. PAY 12 p.c.
(Reuter's Agency War Service)
London, April 11.—The P. and O. S. N. Company have declared an interim dividend on the deferred shares at the rate of 12% per annum, free of income tax.

UNION MEDICAL COLLEGE

The Peking Union Medical College, which last year admitted no new students on account of difficulties connected with the reorganization of the institution, will re-open its preparatory department on the new basis on September 11, 1917. The preparatory course will extend over two years and will include instruction in English, Chinese literature

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and composition, chemistry, physics and biology. In all the course except Chinese the medium of instruction will be English, and very thorough preparation in that language will therefore be required. Candidates for admission must be graduates of a middle school and have completed at least one year of college work in addition. Admission examinations in the sciences and in the Chinese

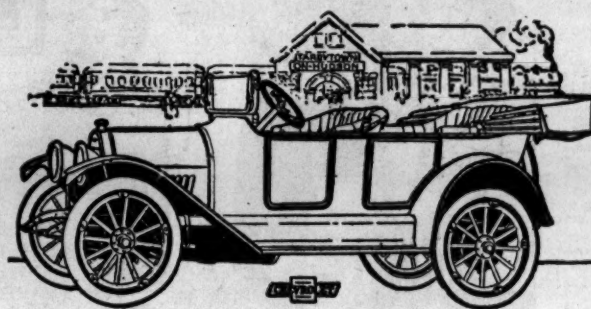
and English languages will be held at Peking and at Shanghai, beginning August 28, 1917.

Full information regarding entrance requirements, fees, etc., may be obtained on application to the Dean, Peking Union Medical College, Peking.

It is expected that the first class will be admitted to the medical course proper in the autumn of 1919.

The length of this course will be four years, but an additional year of hospital service may be required before the granting of the degree.

The College is not prepared at this time to admit women to its classes, but it is the intention of the Board of Trustees in due time to admit qualified women students to the medical school on the same basis as men.



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and eastward of Fayet, to within a few hundred yards of St. Quentin. We carried the village of Gricourt at the point of the bayonet.

The enemy stubbornly resisted. We took 400 prisoners. A counter-attack attempted by the enemy was broken up.

On Thursday and Friday, our aeroplanes dropped large quantities of explosives, with good results, on enemy stations, ammunition depots and aerodromes and successfully attacked enemy infantry and convoys with their machine-guns.

Four German aeroplanes were brought down and six driven down. Twelve of ours have not returned.

German Attack Fails
Sir Douglas Haig reported today: Early on Sunday morning, the enemy strongly attacked our new positions from Hermies to Noreuil, on a front of six miles, astride the Bapaume to Cambrai road, under cover of a heavy bombardment. Their attack failed everywhere, except at Lagnicourt, where the enemy obtained a foothold, after heavy fighting.

Our counter-attack regained the village and our artillery inflicted very heavy losses on the German troops as they retired. We took over 200 prisoners.

We advanced our line eastward of Heninel, progressed northward of Souchez River and captured the enemy's defences eastward of Leivin from Raumont Wood to the east corner of Cite St. Pierre. Our troops are pushing on towards Lens.

Heavy rain has been falling since early this morning.

Sir Douglas Haig reported this evening: As the result of fighting north-westward of St. Quentin, we gained ground eastward and northward of Gricourt. We also made progress in the neighborhood of Havrincourt Wood and eastward of Leivin, where we are approaching the outskirts of Lens.

Heavy Casualties

Later particulars show that the German losses in their attack on both sides of the Bapaume to Cambrai road were heavier than at first reported. The attack was pressed with great determination, under our heavy fire. 300 of the enemy were taken prisoners and 1,500 killed.

Our aeroplanes carried out successful bombing raids and, in severe air-fighting, destroyed four German aeroplanes and drove down eleven others. Ten of ours are missing.

A Belgian official communiqué reports: During the night, after a violent artillery preparation, we penetrated at Dixmude into the enemy's second line. The artillery duel was very lively on the whole Belgian front today.

German Bulletins

(By wireless).—A German official communiqué yesterday reported: There was a pause in the fighting, yesterday, north-eastward of Arras and in the region of the Scarpe. Further southward, in the vicinity of Croiselles and Bullecourt, after violent artillery bombardments, the British vainly attacked several times. Our after-thrust inflicted considerable losses on the enemy.

Strong attacks made by the enemy against our position at St. Quentin failed. We took 203 prisoners.

During the past week, the heart of St. Quentin has been violently bombarded and the Palais de Justice, Cathedral and Town Hall seriously damaged. Both artilleries are fighting at full strength at Soissons, Rheims and in the Western Champagne.

On the west front, the enemy lost eleven aeroplanes on Thursday and twenty-four on Friday and four balloons.

The communiqué in the evening reported: Strong attacks made by the British, between the River Scarpe and Bullecourt, failed, with heavy losses.

A German official communiqué today reported: In consequence of the removal of our line northward of the River Scarpe, there have been only minor engagements, in which the enemy suffered heavily.

From the Scarpe, lowland to the Arras to Cambrai railway, there was violent fighting yesterday. Massed divisions of British troops attacked several times and were repulsed, with sanguinary losses. We took 200 prisoners.

The artillery duel continues in the Western Champagne and between Soissons and Rheims.

The French, British and Americans

lost twenty-one aeroplanes and two balloons. We brought down three British aviators participating in a raid on Freiburg.

'A Splendid Triumph'

Lloyd's News' correspondent at British headquarters, wiring today, says that British patrols have entered Lens and, though the enemy were still in machine-gun redoubts at some places, they were only rear-guards, for the main body has retreated. This splendid triumph was made possible by the capture of Vimy Ridge, the enemy realising that their last chance of a successful counter-attack had been foiled.

Lens and Leivin have been stacked with guns, of which at least 150 were in the net-work of mines and pit-heads. Prisoners state that wild scenes occurred in Lens, frantic efforts being made to remove the guns and stores and defend the retreat by blowing up the roads. Orders were given to destroy the mines by firing charges into the pits and flooding the mine-galleries.

Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters wires that the latest British captures include great pyramids of slag near the mouths of the coal-pits, in the neighborhood of Lens, which the Germans had converted into fortresses. Altogether, the German front has been broken on another four miles.

There are indications that the German retreat is extending to the region immediately south of Lens, where fires and explosions are frequent beyond the enemy's lines. Conflagrations have been observed in Lens itself. The weather has improved.

Cannot Estimate Results

It needs a strong mental grip to realise the full extent and significance of the week's success, the most gratifying aspect being that so much has been accomplished with relatively light casualties. The blow to the Germans has been more severe than it is yet possible to estimate.

Several German divisions have been so badly cut up that they will not be fit for fighting for many weeks, while fresh troops have been hurried up and flung into the fight, without being accustomed to the ground. Thus, Hindenburg has been forced to draw heavily on his much-talked-of "strategic reserve."

The British have proved more than a match in open fighting for their machine-like adversaries and have shown marked superiority in field-tactics, outpost-work, machine-gun stalking and hand-to-hand fighting. It seems as if dry-rot has set in among the Germans and prisoners are behaving like undisciplined rabble, disregarding their own officers and non-coms.

This is a very significant and ominous change in the mentality of the German army. German officers freely complain that the chief cause of their disaster is the difficulty they have in controlling their men.

More Praise for Gunners

A further factor to our victory has been the wonderful efficiency and marvellous accuracy of the British artillery. The German gunners, on the whole, have done poorly. Our prisoners complain that their batteries fired on their own patrols.

This was probably due in some measure to the fact that Germans are frequently wearing British kit collected on the field, shortage of clothing among the Germans becoming almost as marked as shortage of food. The rations of the German troops were reduced a week ago.

There have been further considerable captures of guns, howitzers and large ammunition-dumps. Trained teams of artillerymen are now accompanying our infantry when they advance, to make prompt use of guns falling into our hands.

The total number of captured guns and howitzers is now estimated at 200, making a very considerable difference on balance to the powers of aggression and defence. The Daily Express stated yesterday that Brigadier-General Bulkeley Johnson was killed during the brilliant cavalry charge which preceded the capture of Monchy-le-Preux. The latest British successes had

then sealed the doom of Lens, which General Sir Edmund Allenby was approaching along both banks of the Souchez River, while Lieutenant-General Horne, in the Loos salient, had gained a footing in the trenches north-east of Lens. These successes were won on a front of 40 miles from Hardcourt, 15 miles south of Cambrai, to south of Loos.

Impetuous Infantry

German communiqués seized on the shortness of the opening stage of the battle to suggest that the British offensive had prematurely exhausted itself, but this was really due to the swiftness of the infantry onslaught, many units, in their ardor, exceeding the limits of the effective fire of our heavy artillery. This performance is described by British experts as the most remarkable of the whole war, in view of the strength of the positions attacked.

Altogether, during the week, the Germans had to meet attacks at four points on seventy miles of line. They are now daily uncertain where the next blow will fall.

Reuter's correspondent emphasises the important bearing the capture of Vimy Ridge is likely to have on subsequent operations on the west front. He states, on unimpeachable authority, that the victory is directly associated with a pretty little model.

This was a wonderful scale reproduction in plasticine of the neighborhood of the Ridge, on which a clever artist, furnished with a mass of aerial photographs and information from local inhabitants, worked for months prior to the attack and from which staff officers very carefully instructed the Canadian and British officers and non-commissioned officers selected for the assault. Reuter's correspondent describes the amazing topographical fidelity of the model, which was carried out in colors to the tiniest detail, such as the variation of the soil, the formation of trench-systems, the situation of mine-craters, wire-entanglements and belts of wire.

He describes the attempts made by the Germans to regain possession of Vimy Ridge on the 9th, 10th and 11th. These did not succeed, but, in order to strengthen our possession of Vimy Village, battalions of Irish, British and Canadian troops were detailed on the 12th to carry an important hill known as The Pimple, which attack they executed with irresistible dash.

Reuter's correspondent quotes instances of the growing demoralisation of the German troops, exemplified by the great counter-attack made along a front of six miles this morning by the enemy, who, by mere weight of numbers, drove the garrison out of Lagnicourt from an important position, but our men, reinforced, came back and worsted the enemy in open fighting, killing or wounding several hundred and taking 200 prisoners.

Vigorously Oppose French
Paris, April 15.—The official communiqué issued on Friday evening

reported: South of St. Quentin, fighting continues before the positions we captured this morning. The enemy are vigorously resisting. Our artillery furiously bombarded the German organisations between the Somme and the Oise. There was an artillery duel in the region of the Aisne and in the Champagne.

The communiqué yesterday afternoon reported: South of St. Quentin, we continued to bombard the German positions between the Somme and the Oise. There was great mutual artillery activity in the Champagne, where we effected numerous reconnaissances.

The communiqué in the evening reported: We organised the conquered ground between St. Quentin and the Oise. We made progress, south of the Oise, on the plateau north-east of Quincy-Basse. Our artillery was very active against the German defences in St. Gobain Forest and Upper Coucy Forest.

The communiqué this afternoon reported: North and south of the Oise, our reconnaissances during the night everywhere found the enemy's trenches occupied. They brought back prisoners. East of Maisons-de-Champagne, our reconnaissances penetrated the German trenches, which they found utterly wrecked by our fire and brought back a quantity of material. On the right bank of the Meuse, two German attacks at Bois de Caubert and in the direction of Les Chambrées were broken by our fire. Some infantrymen who penetrated our advanced line in Bois de Caubert were either killed or taken prisoners.

Down 21 Aeroplanes

On the 12th, 13th and 14th, we brought down twenty-one enemy aeroplanes, four more were compelled to land, badly damaged and a captive balloon was brought down ablaze. Our bombarding aeroplanes dropped 4,160 kilograms of projectiles on the railway-stations and establishments in Brévy Basin and 1,200 kilograms on the railway-stations in the region of Mezières and Sedan. On the night of the 13th-14th, they effectively bombed the barracks at Dreuze and the railway-station at Bethinville.

The communiqué this evening reported: There have been violent artillery actions at St. Quentin, north of the Aisne and in the Champagne. Our batteries caught and dispersed elements of the enemy, north of Itancourt.

German Press Anxious
Amsterdam, April 14.—A note of anxiety is now emerging in the German press concerning the British advance. The Vossische Zeitung's military critic admits that it has created widespread uneasiness, but appeals to Germans to trust Marshal von Hindenburg. He says that the German reverse at Arras clearly proves the rightness of Hindenburg's retreat, but for which, in view of the enemy's immense superiority in heavy guns and trench-mortars, what has happened at Arras would have happened on the entire front, to far south of the Somme.

HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT ADJOURNS IN DISORDER

Opposition Persist in Demand For Grant Of Universal Secret Suffrage

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
Amsterdam, April 13.—A message from Buda-Pest states that, after repeated suspensions of the sitting of the Chamber, owing to the continuous clamor of the Opposition for universal secret suffrage, a letter from the King of Hungary was read, adjourning Parliament.

Hongkong University Gets \$100,000 Gifts

Hok On-tong & Chan Kai-ming To Build Tropical Medicine And Pathological Schools

Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press
Hongkong, April 15.—Mr. Hok On-tong and Mr. Chan Kai-ming have donated \$50,000 each to Hongkong University, for the building and equipment of schools of tropical medicine and pathology, respectively.

UNPOPULAR OFFICE

Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press
Canton, April 14.—The leaders of many parties here, interviewed, concur with the opposition of the Cantonese in Peking to the appointment of an Inspector-General of the Liangkwan. They are also in favor of the disbandment of at least two-thirds of the present troops.

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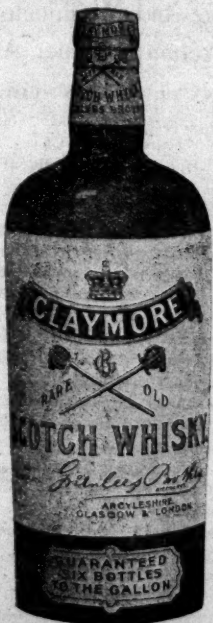
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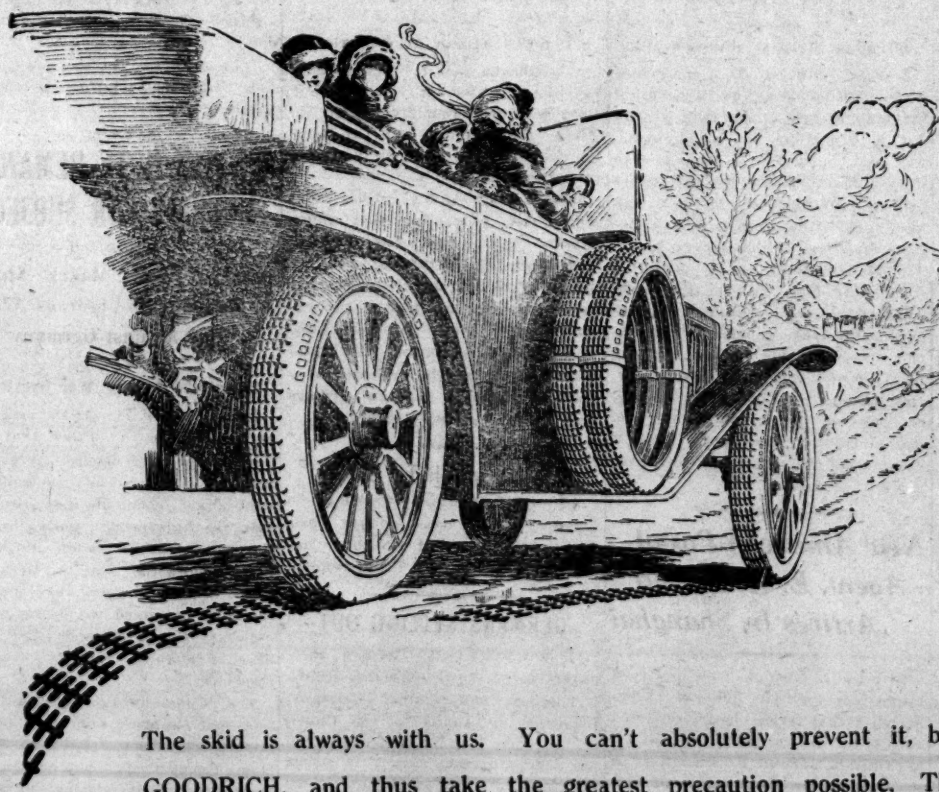
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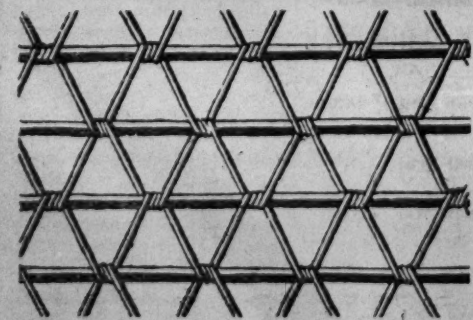
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ESCAPED CAPTIVES TELL OF GERMAN ATROCITIES

Thrashed With Whips and Rifle Butts; People Fined If Watches Not German Titled

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
London, April 14.—The stories of shameless cruel Hunism are multiplying. Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters gives numerous instances which have come to his notice during the occupation of the recently liberated territory.

In one town alone, eighty girls of superior class were kidnapped, for alleged industrial and agricultural labor. In another town, the entire population was dragged away at dawn, without warning and to an unknown destination.

The commune of Ugnay-le-Gay was fined 10,000 Marks because a house was burned down, really through the fault of the Germans. Nevertheless, the fine was enforced and three local notables imprisoned on a spare diet and under rigorous treatment till it was paid.

In another town, the Germans stopped people and demanded to see their watches. If the watches did not show German time, the owners were heavily fined.

Mr. Beach Thomas, in the Daily Mail, tells the story of two of our men who were prisoners with the enemy and escaped to our lines. "What these men say will fill our army with more fury than anything yet recorded against the enemy."

"They were captured early in the year and immediately set to work near the lines, sometimes under our shell fire. They were starved from the beginning and one of them, who weighed thirteen stone when he was captured, now weighs eight."

"The other's foot is covered with boils. If they asked to be allowed to cease work, because of their weakness, they were lashed with a whip, or hit with the butt end of a rifle. Their diet consisted of a quarter of a loaf of bread and some thin soup daily, with occasional small extras. Full details are being officially recorded of this case."

Meanwhile, news of fresh atrocities at sea come in every day. The latest example is that of the French schooner Leontine. A German submarine fired a shot at the vessel, whereupon it immediately put out its boats.

The submarine watched for a few minutes and then, satisfied that the schooner was unarmed, fired forty shells into it, killing four of the crew and wounding three, including the skipper, who was conveyed to the cabin. The submarine then fired incendiary shells and, finally, put some of its crew on board. "The boatswain and cabin-boy lay bleeding on the deck and, knowing that the explosion of a bomb would mean their death, asked for mercy. The German officer's reply was to shoot the cabin-boy through the head with his revolver, the crew of the submarine meanwhile laughing and singing."

The Leontine finally blew up, with the wounded on board. Five un wounded men, however, were saved.

DR. YEN'S PASSPORT IS HELD UP BY GERMANY

That the German Government is holding up the issuance of a passport for the safe conduct of the Chinese Minister to Berlin, Dr. W. W. Yen, is disclosed in the envoy's last message to his home government. Germany gives as the reason for this hold-up the non-settlement of her request to the Chinese government to extend the life of the safe conduct issued to Admiral von Hintze, late German Minister to Peking. The Entente Powers have limited this to a period of two months. The Berlin government fears that the Admiral and his party will not be able to complete their trip within the stipulated time. The Acting Chinese Minister to Denmark has been instructed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to request the Danish Minister to Berlin to lodge a protest against this action by the Germans.

Dutch Will Starve Themselves by Aid They Give Germany

Is Telegraf's Warning; America Taking Steps To Stop Supplies

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
Amsterdam, April 14.—Commenting on the movement in America to secure the stoppage or control of American exports to neutral countries bordering Germany, the Telegraf says that this confirms the view it has previously expressed that the Dutch exports to Germany will finally lead to the Dutch starving themselves.

Lusitano Club Ends Team Whist Drive By Banquet and Concert

At the Lusitano Club last Saturday evening some eighty members attended a dinner party to celebrate the completion of a series of "Whist Drives," and to congratulate a team of 28 players, captained by Mr. I. J. Cruz, who met and defeated a similar number of players headed by Mr. A. M. Silva, by the close scores of 2,347 against 2,331. A smoking concert followed and was thoroughly enjoyed.

The dance hall of the Lusitano Club which was used for the occasion was artistically and most effectively decorated with the card colors, and the party sat down to an elaborate menu. The event was one of the most successful of the season.

The committee in charge of the arrangements were:—Messrs. J. A. S. Alves, E. T. Rivero, M. R. Leitao, J. J. de Souza, A. A. Rodrigues, W. Goulbourn, G. M. P. Remedios, J. L. Stuart, S. del Rivero, J. C. P. d'Assumpcao, E. C. Encarnacao, J. C. Aquino, C. E. L. Ozorio, P. C. de Souza and A. C. Rozario.

The banquet ended, Mr. E. E. Encarnacao was called to the piano to render the first selection in the concert, which led the way to the following program:

Song...Could the Dreams of a Dreamer come True.
Mr. S. del Rivero
Mandolin Solo Coonland.
Mr. J. P. Alarcoun
Toast To the Victors.
Mr. S. del Rivero
Song...The Sunshine of Your Smile.
Mr. F. G. Eca da Silva
Monologue ... Cohen at the 'Phone.
Mr. J. C. d'Aquino
Song Why should I Care?
Mr. J. S. Rozario
Toast To the Vanquished.
Mr. C. E. L. Ozorio
Violin Solo (Selected).
Mr. J. F. Silva
Song They Didn't Believe Me.
Mr. A. A. Rodrigues
Trio (Violin, Mandolin and Piano)
Ave Maria.
Messrs. J. F. Silva, J. P. Alarcoun and E. E. Encarnacao
Song Mother.
Mr. J. V. Jensen
Violin Duet (Selected).
Messrs. J. F. Silva and C. P. Simoes
Song...Where was Robinson Crusoe?
Mr. J. C. d'Aquino
Piano Solo (Finale).
Joe Aquino.

DELEGATES VISIT KING

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
London, April 15.—Sir Robert Borden, General Smuts, Sir Edward Morris and Mr. W. F. Massey have been spending the week-end at Windsor, as guests of the King and Queen. The Archbishop of Cork was invited to meet them. It is understood that other Dominion statesmen will be entertained in a similar manner, later.

News Brevities

An interesting personality at present in the city of Shanghai is a Belgian refugee violinist, Monsieur Cor de Bly by name. He was in Antwerp at the beginning of the siege but escaped with his family and incidentally his violin, which he says is a Stradivarius, to Rotterdam, from which city he was enabled by the authorities to proceed to London. He is just completing a tour of Australasia and the Dutch West Indies and is on his way to America where he will appear in vaudeville under the Orpheum management. He has been secured by the Carlton Cafe management for a few appearances at a series of Cabaret de Luxe dinners, commencing tonight. There will be other entertainment during the course of the evening, including the popular dancers, Senor Cruz and Senorita Vebencia.

On the morning of 8th inst. a bedroom "boy" at the King Edward Hotel, Hongkong, failed to obtain any response to his knocking at the door of the room occupied by J. B. Johnson, an officer on the s.s. Laishang. The manager of the Hotel was called, and, upon an entrance being forced, the occupant of the room was found lying on the floor in a pool of blood. He was quite dead, and had large wounds in the throat, on the body, and also on the hands, one wrist being almost severed, pointing to a case of determined suicide. The police were notified, and the body was removed to the public mortuary.—D. Press.

The annual general meeting of shareholders of the Chemor United Rubber Company, Ltd., will be held on Monday, April 30.

The recent murder of a Sikh at Nanking has been the subject of proceedings in the Consular Court at that port. The accused has been committed for trial by the British Supreme Court. He arrived here, under escort, at the end of last week, and will be tried on Monday, the 30th inst., before a jury.

WOMAN'S CLUB MUSICALS

A most attractive program of music has been arranged for the meeting of the American Woman's Club at the Palace Hotel this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Members are invited to bring guests. The program is as follows:
Cadman: "Prairie Sketches"
"Dawn"
"Yuccas"
"A Legend of the Plains"
"Whispers of the Night"
Mrs. Taylor
Macfadden: "Love is the Wind"
Spross: "Yesterday and Today"
Sans Souci "Where Blossoms Grow"
Mrs. Isenman
Negro Melody, arranged by Maud Powell "Deep River"
Cecil Burleigh: "Pickaninies"
Mrs. G. S. Morse
Miss M. Jansen, Accompanist.
Arthur Whitney's S. S. Cycle
"Floriana"
Mrs. J. J. Connell Soprano
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Mrs. W. L. Darnall, Accompanist.

2 Men Killed When Hospital Ship Sunk

Red Cross Staff Of Gloucester Castle Show Great Courage In Saving Wounded

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
London, April 14.—The hospital-ship Gloucester Castle was torpedoed at midnight. An engineer and fireman were killed by the explosion and several stokers badly injured.

A number of vessels hastened to the rescue and took off the 450 wounded men on board, who were landed and taken to hospital. Moonlight and a calm sea facilitated the transshipment of the wounded, which was frequently difficult, owing to the number of stretcher-cases on board.

Perfect discipline was maintained and there was no panic, the nurses and doctors, with the greatest coolness, transferring the wounded entirely regardless of their own lives.

Those on board saw a submarine in the distance. The torpedo made a hole in the ship large enough to admit four men standing abreast.

Obituary

Prof. J. H. Moulton
Reuter's Service
London, April 11.—The Reverend Professor James Hope Moulton has died from exposure, after the sinking of the ship on which he was returning from India.

Mr. Lee Toma
Mr. Lee Toma, beloved father of Miss Ethel K. Lee Toma, and one of the best known and successful overseas Chinese merchants in the Hawaiian Islands, died on March 27, at 8.20 a.m., in Honolulu at the age of 56 (Chinese). Deceased leaves a widow, two sons, three daughters, eleven grand children and a brother to survive him. All were in Honolulu at the time except Miss Esther Ennoi who is studying in the University of Illinois and Miss Ethel Kul-kyau who is connected with the Commercial Press here and is active in Shanghai Society.

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(Reuter's Agency War Service)
London, April 11.—The P. and O. S. N. Company have declared an interim dividend on the deferred shares at the rate of 12% per annum, free of income tax.

UNION MEDICAL COLLEGE
The Peking Union Medical College, which last year admitted no new students on account of difficulties connected with the reorganization of the institution, will re-open its preparatory department on the new basis on September 11, 1917. The preparatory course will extend over two years and will include instruction in English, Chinese literature

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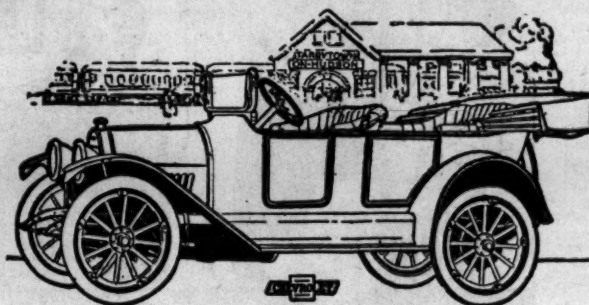
and English languages will be held at Peking and at Shanghai, beginning August 28, 1917.

Full information regarding entrance requirements, fees, etc., may be obtained on application to the Dean, Peking Union Medical College, Peking.

It is expected that the first class will be admitted to the medical course proper in the autumn of 1919.

The length of this course will be four years, but an additional year of hospital service may be required before the granting of the degree.

The College is not prepared at this time to admit women to its classes, but it is the intention of the Board of Trustees in due time to admit qualified women students to the medical school on the same basis as men.



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British Supreme Court

Messrs. Noel, Murray and Co.

In the British Supreme Court yesterday before Mr. Skinner Turner, Assistant Judge, Mr. G. H. Wright made application on behalf of Messrs. Noel, Murray and Co., Ltd., for an order confirming the reduction of the capital of the Company from Tls. 100,000 to Tls. 50,000.

Mr. Wright informed the Court that this was the first application of the kind since the passing of the China Companies' Order in Council, 1915. There being no reduction of capital rules attached to the Hongkong Ordinances, under which the present application was made, counsel had referred to the reduction of capital rules attached to the Companies' Consolidation Act, 1908, for the purpose of ascertaining the practice. Since the filing of the petition in this matter, there had been several proceedings in chambers, and the Company now came into Court and asked for a formal order for the reduction of its capital. There were only three creditors, Mr. Wright added—all banks—and they had all consented to the reduction.

At the request of the Court, Mr. Wright then read the following petition which had been filed in support of the application:—

1.—Your petitioner the above named Company (hereinafter called "the Company") was incorporated in the year 1904, under the Companies Ordinances Hongkong (hereinafter called "the Ordinances") as a Company limited by shares.

2.—The registered office of the Company is situated at Nos. 78 and 79 Szechuen Road, Shanghai.

3.—The objects for which the Company was established are the carrying on the business of auctioneers, share and general brokers and commission agents, and other objects are set forth in the Memorandum of Association thereof.

4.—The capital of the Company is Tls. 100,000, divided into 1,000 shares of Tls. 100 each.

5.—Immediately after its incorporation the Company commenced and it has since carried on business.

6.—The company has issued 995 of its shares and no more and such shares have been allotted as fully paid up otherwise than in cash. The remainder of the shares have not been taken or agreed to be taken by any person.

7.—By Clause 41 of the Articles of Association of the Company it is provided that the Company may from time to time by special resolution reduce its capital.

8.—By special resolution of the Company duly passed and confirmed in accordance with section 79 of the Ordinances at extraordinary general meetings thereof, held respectively on November 23, 1916, and December 7, 1916, it was resolved: That the capital of the Company be reduced from Tls. 100,000, divided into 1,000 ordinary shares of Tls. 100 each to Tls. 50,000, divided into 500 shares of Tls. 100 each, by cancelling five of the existing ordinary shares which have not been taken or agreed to be taken by any person and that the remainder of the capital namely the 495 ordinary shares numbered 2/30, 201/221, 501/625, 626/70, 262/500 and 882/941 be paid off (the capital represented thereby being in excess of the wants of the Company) and such last mentioned 500 ordinary shares and all liability thereon be wholly extinguished and that the conditions contained in the company's Memorandum of Association be modified accordingly.

9.—The reduction of capital aforesaid does not involve the diminution of any liability in respect of unpaid capital.

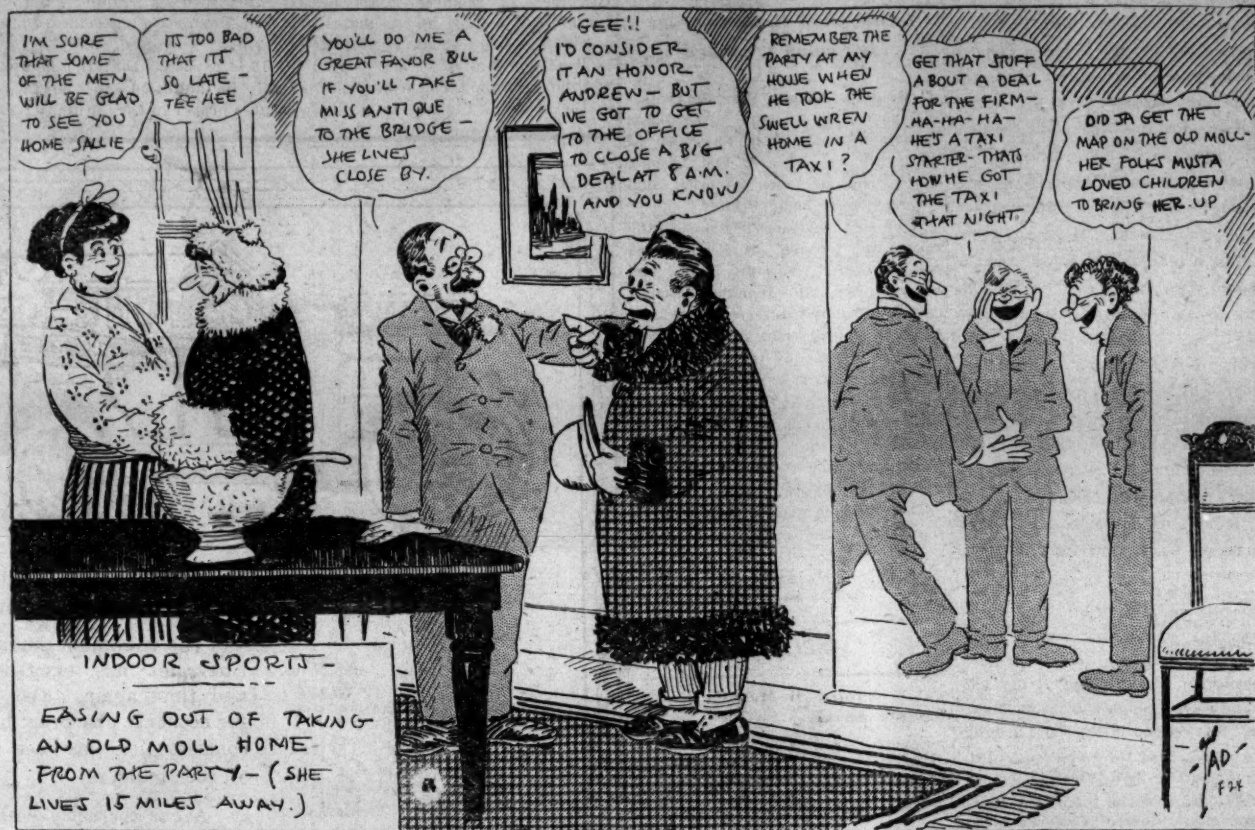
10.—The form of minute proposed to be registered is as follows:—"The capital of Noel, Murray and Company, Limited and reduced, is Tls. 50,000, divided into 500 shares of Tls. 100 each instead of the original capital of Tls. 100,000, divided into 1,000 shares of Tls. 100 each. At the time of registration of this minute the sum of Tls. 100 is to be deemed to be paid up on each of the said shares which have been issued as fully paid up otherwise than in cash."

Your petitioner the Company therefore humbly prays:—

1.—That the reduction of capital to

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London's Weekly Review
Of War's Happenings

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, April 13.—The striking event of the week has been the accession to the ranks of the Allies of the United States. The Germans have torpedoed the Brazilian steamer Parana, with the result that Brazil has joined the United States and has been followed by Panama, Cuba and Costa Rica, while there is a possibility that other South American Republics will take similar steps.

This news has had a remarkable effect in Spain, greatly strengthening the increasing sympathy for the Entente and producing among the parties hitherto observant of neutrality denunciation of German arrogance and inhumanity.

The entry of America was celebrated by the American colony in London by a luncheon, which was attended by the Prime Minister, Mr. Lloyd George, who said that the entry of the United States gave the final stamp and seal of character to the conflict as the greatest struggle for liberty on which the world has ever embarked. He welcomed America to the peace conference that would settle the future of the New and Old World.

It was celebrated also by a dinner at which Viscount Bryce and Dr. Page, the American Ambassador, spoke. Dr. Page said that America entered only for the idea of a republic. Viscount Bryce declared that he already saw signs of dismay in Germany, where the Government has begun to discover signs of distrust among the people.

Admiral Sims of the United States Navy has arrived in London for the purpose of co-operating with the British Admiralty touching naval assistance. Besides the financial help already proposed of £1,400,000,000, it is understood that the United States will undertake part patrol of the Atlantic.

The news from Russia, in the main, is satisfactory and the struggle of the Extremist party with the Moderates shows every sign of going in favor of the latter. Prince Lvoff has issued an important manifesto, calling on the patriotism of the Russian people to avoid all dissension, pointing out that the old regime left the Fatherland in a disorganised condition and exhorting the country to respond to the defence of its newly won liberty and deliverance from the invader, while renouncing all desire for territorial conquest.

There are signs that the Russian Revolution has reacted on Bulgaria and persistent reports that semi-official pourparlers are proceeding at Geneva on behalf of a separate peace for Bulgaria. There are similar rumors regarding Austria.

The submarine campaign, at its worst, appears little more than when it began and the general comment of the London Press upon the latest figures is that they are vastly below what Germany hoped to achieve, while it has had the bad effect of bringing America into the war, with her vast shipbuilding and industrial possibilities to replace eventual loss.

The Germans retreating from large areas occupied in France, from which they have been driven out by the advancing British and French, continue to work the same havoc. In the surprise of our last great attack, documents were captured which contained orders to German pioneers, in minute detail, regarding the routine to be followed for the burning of villages, blowing up of churches and fouling of wells, before the evacuation in face of the British advance.

Rheims has again been bombarded with a vast number of shells from heavy guns.

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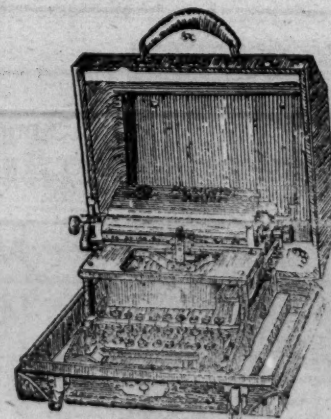
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BEATEN ON DIALA RIVER TURKS HAVE LOSS OF 900

British Have Only 200 Casualties And Record Advance Of Six Miles

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
London, April 14.—An official despatch from Mesopotamia reports: General Maude, on the 10th, withdrawing his advanced detachments on the right bank of the Diala River, drew the bulk of the enemy's forces on this flank towards Deltawa. We marched towards the Diala and attacked the enemy on the 11th in the morning.

The enemy were driven out of their advanced positions near Challyeh, north-eastward of Deltawa, the same evening. The enemy withdrew six miles, towards Serai-Jik.

Our operations continued on the 12th and 13th, the Turks falling back towards Deltawa. The Turks lost 700 wounded on the 11th and 200 dead were found. Our casualties were about 200.

3 DAYS' PROGRAM FOR NANYANG CELEBRATION

A \$60,000 library will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Government Institute of Technology, formerly Nanyang College. Personal contributions have already been received from Premier Tuan and Mr. Hsu Shiyin, Minister of Communications, while students and alumni are working hard for subscriptions.

Celebrations will last three days, starting the 26th inst. The programs available at present are as follows:—April 26. (1) Speech by President Tong Wen-tche.

- (2) Speech of welcome by Shen Suo-kwai.
- (3) Military drill.
- (4) Japanese and Chinese fireworks.
- (5) Sleight of Hand.
- (6) Lantern Procession.
- (7) Electrical Illumination.
- (8) Songs.
- (9) Athletic sports.
- (10) Boy Scouts drill.
- (11) Japanese and Chinese fireworks.
- (12) Magic.
- (13) Moving Picture show.

- (14) Fencing.
- (15) Musical entertainment—English and Chinese.
- (16) Alumni banquet.
- (17) Fancy drill by boy scouts.
- (18) Fireworks.

Football, basketball and tennis tournaments will also be played. The Ministry of Communications will despatch seven of its officials to attend.

Clarke's Circus

Shanghai—Its foreign and Chinese residents alike—has received Clarke's Circus with open arms. At the opening performance, last night, at Chang Su-ho's Garden, the large tent was more than two-thirds full and, once the excellence of the entertainment becomes noised abroad, the "house full" notice should be exhibited every night.

The most remarkable turns of the whole of the excellent and lengthy program were the equestrian feats of Messrs. Clarke. A somersault, backwards or forwards, on a bare-back steed, seems as easy to the intrepid riders as catching six balls, thrown from the far side of the ring, on the point of a rapier.

The Martinez troupe, including "Baby Florie," are clever athletes and acrobats and some of their stunts must be seen to be believed. Their muscular development and their agility are really remarkable. The Aleximes kept their audience breathless whilst that always alluring turn on the flying trapeze was in progress; the same artists gave an exhibition of the Argentine Tango.

The performing terriers are a merry, clever set of little animals and one in particular is of a distinctly humorous turn of mind. The diving act is clever, but everyone, trainer included, would be sorry if a broken leg resulted.

The Circus is well-provided with comedians and the elastic-necked McGintys will not soon be forgotten, especially by one member of the audience, Muldoon, the solid man, performs the most surprising feats in a most laughably nonchalant manner. Does he use Elliman's Embrocation, or ordinary arnica, one wonders?

Moris and Vincent are mirthful, muscular and musical and their two turns, of an extremely farcical nature, hugely delighted the Chinese who were present. A cinematograph (which might, perhaps, have been omitted) brought the entertainment to a conclusion.

The performance went with a swing throughout and the proprietors will certainly have no cause to regret their visit here. There are matinees on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays and a performance every night, so walk up, ladies and gentlemen!

Russian Extremists For Peace Outvoted

Overwhelming Majority Of Popular Delegates Declare For Prosecuting War

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Petrograd, April 14.—A meeting of the Workmen's and Soldiers' Committee, today, by 325 votes to 55, adopted a resolution endorsing the Proclamation issued by the Provisional Government on the 10th, which it considers an important step towards the realization of democratic principles in foreign policy and declaring that the official denunciation by all Governments of ideas of territorial expansion would powerfully contribute to ending the war, but, while the war continues, Russian democracy recognises that any disorganisation of the army, or weakening of its fighting capacity, would be disastrous to the country and liberty.

The committee appeals to the people to concentrate their energies on assuring the army and population of everything indispensable. The executive of the Workmen's and Soldiers' Committee emphatically denies the report that it, or Russian Socialists, have sent delegates to any secret peace negotiations at Copenhagen or elsewhere and declares that it has not the least idea of such negotiations.

The proceedings of the Congress of District Councils of the Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates shows that an overwhelming majority supports the resolution of the Executive in favor of prosecuting the war and the small minority of Extremists were outvoted when they suggested peace.

The Ministry is considering State control of the coal supply. It intends to create a Ministry of Labor and to revise the Customs tariffs. The Allied Governments, congratulating the Russian Government on its proclamation to the Poles, associate themselves with the idea of reconstituting Poland, which is bound to play an important part in the future of Europe.

The representatives sent by the French and British Labor Parties arrived today. They were greeted by huge crowds, guards of honor of the military and militia and bands playing "The Marseillaise."

Vladivostok Closed To Unessential Goods

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Peking, April 16.—Reuter's correspondent is informed by the Russian Legation that, according to a decision of the Russian Council of Ministers, goods not connected with national defence are prohibited from being imported through Vladivostok. Requests for authorization to import goods connected with national defence through Vladivostok must be addressed to the Commercial Department of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in Petrograd.

CANTON FLOOD DANGER

Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press

Canton, April 14.—The waters of the East and West Rivers in the Weichow and Shuichow districts are rising and there is some fear of possible floods, if the rain increases.

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Home Leave.—Dr. S. A. Ransom, our energetic Chairman, on the eve of his departure for Home leave, was presented by the Association with a souvenir in recognition of his past services on the Committee. The Association wishes him "Bon Voyage" and a pleasant time in his homeland.

Chairman of the Committee.—Mr. W. J. Monk has been elected Chairman of the Committee during Dr. S. A. Ransom's absence.

Annual Rifle Meeting.—For the information of members, and so that they can make their arrangements accordingly, it is notified that the range has been provisionally engaged as follows:—May 12, 13, 19, 20 and 21 (Saturdays, Sundays and Monday). The Program will be same as last year, viz., Ten competitions, including the S. R. A. Class Championships, Long Ranges and The Ladies Prize, the latter to be shot in conjunction with the Championships on Sunday, May 20. Programs will be issued shortly. Entrance Fee, \$2. (Banknotes).

The Committee hope that all the members will enter for this meeting to make it a success. Ammunition, 164 rounds are required for the meeting.

Ammunition.—The price of ammunition is reduced to \$6 (Dollars Six) per 100 rounds from this date until further notice.

Monthly Competition.—The April competition will be held on Monday, 30th inst. from 6 to 9 a.m. and from 4 to 6 p.m. Range 200 yds., Blisley, 1 sig. and seven scoring shots. Owing to "Barnes Cup" Competition in the morning, members are requested to cease fire at 7.15 sharp resuming as soon as the competition is over, probably in about 20 minutes.

New Members.—E. A. G. May, E. Mortimer Reid and P. D. Sullivan, "A" Co. (British) S.V.C., R. P. Roberts and A. G. Loehr, American Co., T. Ohshima, Japanese Co. and J. B. Timberlake Jr., U. S. S. Samar.

Resignations.—C. Hill, E. M. Carion, E. Neumann, L. Muller and E. Otte.

Transfers.—A. G. Loehr, to "C" class, S. Stevenson, Y. Takakura, T. Ohshima and Chas. Pondey to "D" class.

Interport Rifle Match.—A friendly match between Hongkong and Shanghai will take place between April 15 to May 31, on similar conditions to the F. E. I. R. Match Shanghai, April 15, 1917.

Raffle.—Ticket No. 377 won Mr. Wells' rifle.

By order of the Committee, (sg.) A. M. Collaco.

Secretary and Treasurer

SOOCHOW UNIVERSITY WINS

Special Correspondence of The China Press

Soochow, April 15.—Soochow University won out in every match with the Hangchow Christian College here yesterday in the intercollegiate tennis contests. There were five matches, 4 singles and 1 double. In only one case was it necessary to play the three sets, as the local men took the first two in each of the other contests.

ROWING CLUB'S REGATTA

By an error, the dates fixed for the Rowing Club Regatta were given in Sunday's CHINA PRESS as May 16 and 17 instead of the 26th and 27th.

CHINESE PRESS REPORTS

Formal opening of the military conference took place yesterday when Premier Tuan outlined the aim and scope of the gathering, but no discussion will take place until the 20th.

The newly appointed Inspector-General of Kwangtung and Kwangsi, Lu Yung-ting, has informed the government that he cannot wait for that whatever the government decided to do in her foreign policy will be satisfactory to him, he having no definite opinion himself. He expects to leave Peking today to proceed to Tai-shan in Shantung, this to be followed by a trip to the West Lake in Hangchow. After that he will return to Canton.

General Chang Hsun has wired the Cabinet that China, if she is obliged to enter the war, should join the Allies unconditionally, and also asserting that China's proposals to the Entente Powers will not be profitable to her people in the long run.

The appointment of Li Ching, proprietor of the bean cake mill in Paris, as director of the Chinese laborers recently recruited from China by the French Government, has been confirmed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The recommendation was made by Mr. Wu Wei-tuh, Chinese Minister to Paris.

Fire has destroyed the General Chamber of Commerce at Nanking.

The verdict returned by Lai Kwang-yun and Tseng Kung-wha, the special deputies despatched to Tientsin for the investigation of the embezzlement case in connection with the purchase of 10 locomotives by the Tientsin-Pukow Railway,

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finds Shen Wen-yi, assistant director and Toong Yi-ling, departmental head, guilty. They recommended heavy sentences and stated that they themselves will resign if the government does not inflict them.

More than 30,000 Russian refugees have entered Chinese territory at Shin-chang, according to information received by the government from the Tsuchun-there.

Attack Near Timova Repulsed by Allies

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Paris, April 14.—An official communiqué reports:—A local attack made by the enemy in the direction of Timova, west of Monastir, failed. Bands of comitadjis, supported by Austrian troops, attempted to take the offensive, west of Koritza, but were repulsed. British aeroplanes successfully bombed the aerodrome at Drama.

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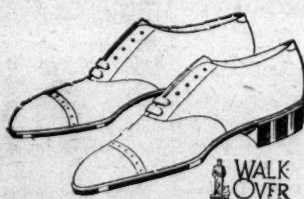
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SHANGHAI, APRIL 17, 1917

China Preparing To Act

OUR Peking correspondent's telegram which we publish this morning contains the best news that has emanated from the Capital since China severed diplomatic relations with Germany. It had begun to look recently as if China had slumped into one of her hopeless muddles. Now it appears that the report that Vice-President Feng Kuo-chang had suffered a relapse into his old pacifist position since returning to his post at Nanking was based on a misunderstanding of his attitude or else on misinformation. He favors war with Germany.

Chang Hsun, it is evident, now favors war, too. Lu Yung-tung apparently doesn't care which way the cat jumps and as for the other Tachuns who are gathering in the Capital, they are mostly committed to support of the Government in taking "the third step." The Cabinet, now especially that the United States has entered the arena, is known to be strongly for war and there is little doubt that the Government and the Military will have the support of Parliament.

That there has been dangerous and needless if not costly delay in the matter of taking this third step will we think be conceded: yet it would be difficult to justify an accusation of blame against any one person or group. The delay has been due principally to circumstances and conditions.

We republished recently a letter from Putnam Weale to the Peking Gazette, which undertook to explain China's delay in joining the Entente Alliance. The explanation was clear but not convincing.

It appears that Premier Tuan, before China and Germany had severed diplomatic relations, had an unofficial interview with the Allied Ministers at Peking. The result of the interview is alleged to have been a verbal understanding that, if China would sever diplomatic relations with Germany, the Allied Powers would be more liberal in their future dealings, especially with respect to China's financial affairs.

With nothing more to support him than this verbal and unofficial understanding, and without knowing whether the Ministers had received instructions on the subject from their respective governments, the Premier went before Parliament and convinced the members that, if they would vote for a severance of diplomatic relations, China would receive material benefits from the Allied Powers. The Premier went so far as to name some of the benefits China was to receive.

But later, when China was asked to take the third step, and declare war against Germany, the Premier hesitated to go before Parliament with the proposal. His reason was, according to reports, that, although Parliament followed his advice when he requested the vote severing diplomatic relations, this action was based on promises which he had not been able to fulfill, and until he could fulfill those promises or adduce some evidence of record that they would be, his appearing before Parliament again on the subject would embarrass him.

No doubt the Premier would feel greatly embarrassed. We do not

think that he in any sense meant to deceive, but a Prime Minister ought to act with more thoughtfulness, and foreign ministers would do well to wait for instructions before entering into a negotiation having the important bearings of the one indicated.

It at least seems to have complicated the situation at Peking, but such is the usual status of that Capital. So far as the terms of the negotiations themselves are concerned, they leave us absolutely cold, if not shuddering. China would be well-advised to go in unbound by conditions even of her own devising, especially if they are to be conditions such as those we now hear discussed. China should go in without any conditions whatever, like other great powers have done, because it is the right thing to do, and for no other reason. This is the dignified, the honorable and, in the long run, the profitable course for her to pursue. It is a privilege to fight in this war on the side of the Entente Powers, a privilege that China, should she enter freely and without further parley, will be proud of having accepted through all her future days. And inasmuch as she is setting out to follow the lead of the United States in this war, she will do well to fashion her actions upon those of the United States in all things pertaining to it; and, we need scarcely point out that almost the first war act of the American House of Representatives has been to vote a loan of \$3,000,000,000 gold to the Entente Allies. America isn't asking; she is giving.

And while everybody familiar with China's economic and financial position realizes and understands her inability in this direction, as compared with America, they must feel, at the same time, that there are things that China has it in her power to give. And China, we believe, will be on the right course when she begins to think of what she can give to help win this war, rather than of what she can get out of it.

The 'Elegant' Army

Impressions Of French Writer
At The Front

By M. Paul Brault

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Official Organ of the French Army

In the course of my visit to the British front I had the opportunity of seeing a Tank that had just been landed and whose mechanics were busy adjusting the motor. A Tank, seen from the outside, looks like an antediluvian monster capable of overturning everything in its path.

The inside is a perfect mechanical gem. One has only to look at the brightly polished steel and copper parts, the cylinders, and quivering pistons to see that the strength of the monster is throughout the work of intelligence.

This impression which the Tank gave is exactly what I experienced in looking at the British Army. What strikes a stranger most is the surprising air of freshness of the British soldier. I saw some troops landing. They all wheeled about and marched off with a gay and sprightly step to close themselves up in the great boxes of white wood and grey canvas which lay in rows in the midst of the sand-dunes.

On arriving in France they spend a week in one of the camps constructed on our coasts. This period is used by the instructors for verifying in detail the degree of perfection to which the men have attained. It is an application of industrial methods to war. No factory manager would receive a lot of raw material without verifying its quality. The High British Command acts in the same way and tests each of the men sent to him. Those who are physically put to one side, and sent back to the foundry.

The British instructors give more attention than we do to what are called parade movements. The British have become among our Allies the most conservative in the matter of military elegance. I frankly admit that in their elegance I see a sign of superiority. Beauty is a proof of vigor, and suppleness a sign of force: it is therefore not to be wondered at that the British bomber instinctively reflects the classic style of the Athenian discus-thrower.

On the battlefield the British soldier has a different aspect: the mud which delayed his march, soiled his uniform, and bespattered his features, the helmet which covers him like a lid, makes him look smaller. On the ruddy ground of Picardy the khaki blends itself with the soil until the soldier seems to resemble a species of big trench insect.

If you look attentively you can see a mass of earth and mud which moves and appears to advance slowly. Looked at more closely the moving object seems like a shapeless spider dragging its thread after it. This is a British telephonist repairing his line.

The French soldier even preserves the mud which covers his uniform. The Britisher seemed to me to be in a greater hurry to resume a human appearance. I was struck with the condition of the cars, the batteries, ammunition wagons, automobiles, and even the field kitchens; in a word, of all the material of the second line.

At a general's table I was asked what had made the strongest impression upon me. I replied: "The kitchens of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers." My reply provoked laughter, and it was regarded as a French joke. It was nothing of the sort, however. Among all these soldiers who rivalled each other in courage those who seemed to me the finest were the cooks, who, unharmed under the shell-fire, polished up their pots and pans as if their kitchens on wheels were appearing in a review.—Exchange.

Prussian Food Supplies

Official Anxiety

The most important official utterance yet made concerning German food problems was delivered yesterday, March 7, in the Prussian Chamber of Deputies, when the newly-appointed States Commissary, Herr Michaelis, made what the Cologne Gazette calls a "serious speech," says The Times.

Herr Michaelis said that the office entrusted to him had its origin in the very grave anxiety experienced regarding food questions. This anxiety concerned not only the present time—when their whole supply had been dislocated owing to the weather, whereby distress had occurred, especially in the great industrial centers, of such a kind that graves could hardly be imagined—but it also concerned the whole year. Even assuming that the inventory of their resources made in January should prove that the October estimates were too small, they would still be confronted with an extremely difficult problem, and drastic measures would have to be taken in order to attain their aim—namely, that of holding out. Many thought that as the situation regarding breadstuffs had been tolerably good for two years it would, therefore, also be good in the third year; but if the inventory did not show better results than the previous estimates, extraordinarily grave and serious anxiety regarding breadstuffs was to be expected.

"In the third year of war," said Herr Michaelis, "we observed that all sections of the population have not shown the hoped-for steadfastness with reference to this serious problem. That is human, but it is in the highest degree deplorable, and it may have the gravest consequences."

Bread-Cards Falsified

Herr Michaelis complained that in the towns there was no longer the strict supervision indispensable for the administration of food supplies. "In one western town," he said, "great food difficulties have arisen, with consequent stoppage of work and sadder things, traceable to the fact that bread-cards were falsified to a shocking extent, and also that they were illegally used, so that the whole reserves were used up; and when potatoes failed and bread should have been given as a substitute there was no bread available." (The western town referred to is evidently Essen.)

Every one knew that the mills, and especially the small mills, had contravened the regulations, the result being a consumption of meal which had reduced the supplies in a most shocking way.

Next Herr Michaelis spoke of the extensive use of grain for fodder, which he declared required immediate action on the part of the authorities with all possible force and severity. At this Herr Adolph Hoffmann, Radical-Socialist, interrupted, "Ah! if you dared!" to which Herr Michaelis retorted that all departments—as, indeed, all the inhabitants of the country would be if they only recognized the seriousness of the situation—were agreed that something must be done.

He exclaimed:—"Who will contradict that? Who will strike my arm down?" The speaker maintained that nothing was possible without stern intervention. Mills must be closed, and in certain circumstances the autonomous powers of municipalities would have to be withdrawn. Sharp control must be exercised over municipal administration. All this was necessary if they desired to hold out. After referring to the administrative powers in regard to food matters conferred on him, and the steps necessary to guarantee administrative uniformity, Herr Michaelis said that he saw no possibility of friction in them. No Minister would obstruct whatever, in the last great need, might be necessary for feeding the population.

"We are faced," Herr Michaelis concluded, "with the thought of what would happen if the measures taken did not succeed. That idea simply cannot be thought of. If all at once in the closing months of the working year we found that we could not succeed in holding out the gruesome misery which would result is not to be described. Therefore we put this thought aside, and put in the foreground the thought which we need in order that we may remain joyously at work, so that we may convey to others our own feeling of security and assurance as the Government expects. That is victory on home territory. This victory at home and my heavy responsibility before God and the nation are before my eyes. Nothing else, and you may believe me no one,

The War That Is Ending Shams

By An Officer on Leave

The old England of the great Harries—Henry V. and Henry VIII.—of the Ironsides, of the Napoleonic Wars, has found itself. Slow to anger, it has at length been aroused; slow to move it has at length fastened its bull-dog grip on the enemy; slow to comprehend but quick to adapt itself to great emergencies, it has revealed its wonderful aptness at improvisation. Long-suffering, God-fearing, tenacious old England has been born again.

It will be for the historian to examine and analyse the immense changes, deeper and more far-reaching than any since the Civil War, which this country has undergone since that fateful August 4, 1914. Yet one must be very blind not to be aware of the revolution which has taken place in the mental outlook of the inhabitants of the United Kingdom. Old barriers have been broken down, a steady fusion of the classes has set in, ancient prejudices have been swept away, political formulae have been upset and the professional politician, with all his mumbo-jumbo of catchwords and copybook maxims, has been exposed as a humbug. A sane and healthy democracy is on the march to govern England as she was wont to be governed—by a Parliament representing the people. The more one examines the abstract issues of this war, the clearer it becomes that it is the conflict between despotism, as represented by the Hohenzollerns and the Hapsburgs, and democracy, as represented by the peoples of the British Empire and France and Russia.

But this is infringing on the task of the historian. We are still too close to this great revolution to be able to weigh and appraise correctly its whole scope and effects. It bears on its surface, however, certain symptoms which are worth noting if only as indications of what that new England will be upon which the survivors of this war will have to lay the foundations of the great work of reconstruction.

One of the most remarkable changes which this war has brought about is, in my opinion, the triumph of efficiency over the old traditions of birth and age. The young man has come into his own. It is true that in modern England the young man has always had his chance, but almost solely in business and in one or two professions. What is happening now is that the young man is getting his opportunity in the Services and in State Departments as well, and this altogether irrespective of his family tree or wealth. Nor does this triumph of the young man mean that we have adopted the "Too Old at Forty" theory. The senior and the junior are working hand in hand—but only the efficient senior and the efficient junior; the incompetent is being weeded out, and neither his grey hairs nor his pedigree nor his influence shall save him.

In contemplating this most satisfactory innovation let me remark on another feature of this symposium of our renaissance. The young man is disappearing. It is the age of precocity. A boy leaves school, has three months of intensive training at Woolwich or Sandhurst or in a cadet corps, gets his commission, and hey presto! before he is out of his teens you find him earnest, self-possessed, responsible, and by some trick of nature wearing the air and manner of a man ten years his senior. And the surprising thing is that the boy does his work every bit as well as that man would, though ten years ago the idea of an officer commanding a company at the age of 20 would have struck down with apoplexy half the denizens of the smoking-room at the United Service Club.

One of the most visible effects of this breaking down of old barriers has been to simplify life. It is only

can divert me. Who knows me knows that, I assume no office which is a sword without sharpness. I retain no office if anyone should attempt to blunt the sword."

Agrarians Denounced

Herr Michaelis's speech was received with loud applause from the Left and the Center. Herr Hoffmann scornfully shouted, "Storms of applause from the conservatives." This provoked cries of "Shame" and a great commotion.

Herr Hofer (Socialist) said that if hunger prevailed it was the fault of the Agrarian Junkerdom. They tried to divert the blame to the wicked Englishmen, but the high prices were made within the country and the blame lay with the selfish Agrarians. He asked whether the Government had not yet had enough of hatred of

by the process of retrospection that one can really understand how utterly life in England, up to the war, was controlled by snobishness. There is not space here to enumerate the things which in different grades of society, from Mayfair to Wigan, one might and might not do, the people one might and might not know. The quicker way is to reflect on the things which the most "exclusive" folk are doing, from necessity, from patriotism, or because it is the fashion (English snobishness will always have its say!) in war-time. All of us have each and severally discovered that we can get on quite well without Monte Carlo, racing, yachting, professional football, champagne for supper; and even if the Post Office carries out its threat to disnobbify our addresses and call West Kensington Hammersmith and shear Hyde Park off the letter-paper of the Malda-Valers we shall doubtless manage to put up with that also.

Margarine has been one of the discoveries of this war. In our topsy-turvy English way of doing things, lots of people who can afford butter at 2s. 4d. a pound are eating margarine, while many others who cannot afford butter but who would not "demean themselves" by eating margarine, are still eating butter. Thousands of moneyed folk, who hardly knew what margarine was except as an inexpensive necessity for the servants' hall, are now eating margarine and discovering how little different in taste it is from butter.

Necessity is simplifying our life. With eggs at 3s. or 4s. a dozen and the nation put on its honor in the matter of the meat ration, people are finding out that the "English breakfast" of bacon and eggs is an honorable tradition rather than a necessity of life. Let us hope that the Army, when it returns from the wars, will bring back from France the French breakfast habit of a cup of coffee and a roll, and abolish forever this "English breakfast" superstition.

Darkened streets and the taxicab shortage have revived home life. So much nonsense is written about the necessity of amusements for officers and men home on leave from the front that people do not know that most men back from the front prefer to spend the greater part of their furlough with their families at home, for the home circle is the best and most enjoyable rest-cure after life in the trenches.

Maternity is the fashion. Tango wives—the gadabouts who lived for pleasure, who haunted the shops by day and the night clubs by night—are taboo. Look at the picture papers, full of photographs of mondaines with their babies.

We are widening our view. We are learning geography. The Canadians; the Newfoundlanders, the New Brunswickers, the Australians, the New Zealanders, the South Africans spread the geography of the Empire wherever they go. In the villages about the camps of our over-seas troops Alberta, Adelaide, Bulawayo, are something more than a dot on a red map square. They are the home towns of Mike or Bill or Jack described and depicted with all the over-seas Briton's love of home which must blow like a clean, fresh wind into some of the apathetic backward villages of our island.

Everyone is talking trench slang as a fad, but unconsciously our speech has assimilated many military expressions. We "carry on" and "stand by"; we "consolidate our grip" of a question; we talk about "platoons" of waiters. Perhaps in the confusion of new accents heard in England in war-time we shall eradicate the slovenly speech which has largely replaced the old Cockney. The costermongers, after all, did speak a tongue of their own which was practically a patois and a nobler thing than the affected and ugly mannerisms of the average Board school product.

The whole world against reactionary Prussia. The war would long since have been over if everyone was obliged to starve alike.

Amsterdam, March 8.—The Minister of Agriculture, Baron von Schorlemer, vigorously defended himself against his opponents.

It was a consolation, he said, to remember that the Reichstag was luckily unable to appoint or depose Prussian Ministers. He referred to the "critical situation created by the partial success of the Entente's plan of starvation." As regards the small bread ration, he said "The Good God alone is responsible for it, inasmuch as He has not given us the harvest we had expected." He added that there was very little hope of a decrease in meat prices.



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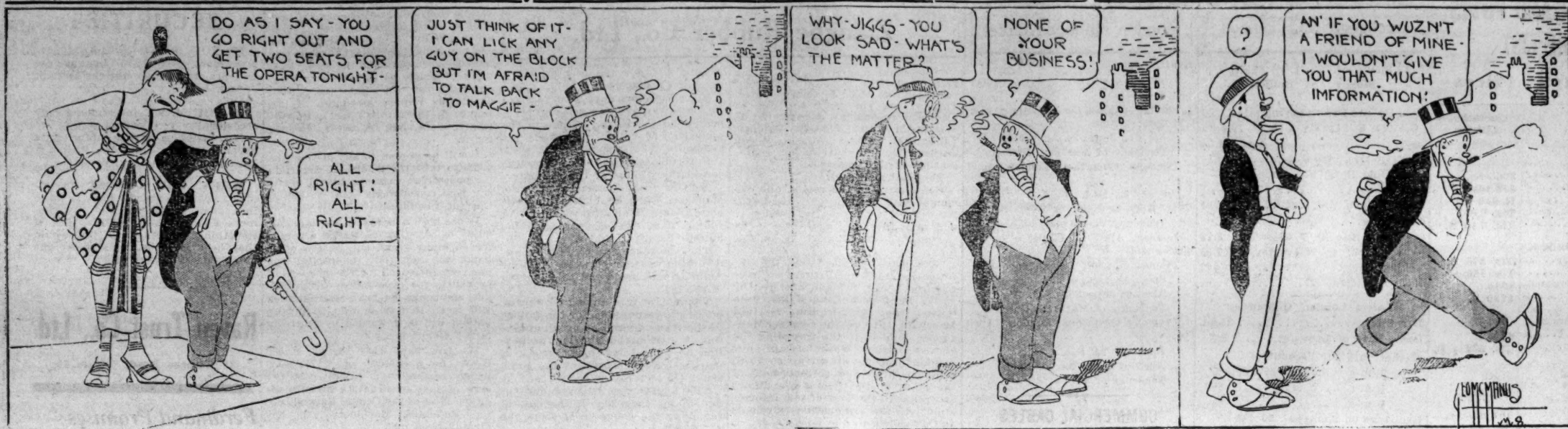
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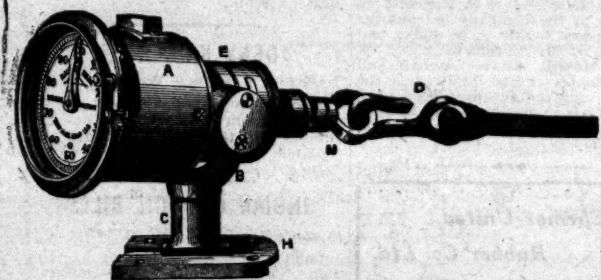
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The Belief In Charms

Superstitions die hard, but the German submarine campaign is prolonging the life of at least one of them. In Nelson's time there was a limited trade in cauls, then popularly believed to be sure charm against death at sea by drowning, and in those days a single specimen would fetch as much as £20. Since Nelson's time there has been less demand for these objects, and five years ago they sold at 2s. apiece. Now, thanks to the activities of the German under-water craft, they are being sold at the London Docks for £2 10s.

This is one of many interesting facts brought out by an exhibition of charms

illustrating a faith in the supernatural that apparently still obtains in London. The collection, which has been got together by Mr. Edward Lovett, a member of the council of the Folk Lore Society, is to be seen at the South-west Central Library, Walworth-road. It has no relation to what may be called religious superstitions, but it shows how widespread is the belief, especially in East and South London, that the fortune of individuals can be affected by some inanimate object deemed to be lucky or potent against disease.

Love charms, of course, are prominent. One that is shown is "dragon's blood" gum, red in color, and it is claimed that if this is burnt at midnight, preferably on a Friday, it will not fail to win a lover. Mr. Lovett states that this practice still survives, and many young girls in London carry out these mystic rites religiously. Another charm of the same sort is the root of a little yellow wild flower (*potentilla tormentilla*). It also has to be burnt, but its efficacy lies in the fact that it renews a dead or waning affection rather than influences an existing one.

Medicinal charms form a large part

of the collection. There are necklaces made of the stems of the nightshade which, if put around the neck of an infant, will help it to cut its teeth. A necklace of acorns is a specific against other infant ills. A knucklebone, carried in the pocket, will ward off rheumatism, the theory being that as the dead bone does not suffer from the complaint the disease will go into it. Another cure for rheumatism is a potato. A specimen shown was carried by a rheumatic subject for many years. A third charm against the same complaint is a small bottle containing mercury, hermetically sealed and covered with leather. Mr. Lovett states that it is sold in London by one of the largest chemists in the world.

Those who suffer from nightmare may welcome this prescription. A pair of horseshoes covered in blue and red cloth, or a string of stones, naturally perforated, should be hung up at the head of the bed. A necklet of blue beads will protect a child against bronchitis, while red beads or coral will avert sore throats. A small bag containing a tooth should be placed round the neck of an infant as an antidote against teething convulsions. Since the beginning of the war another charm against disease has been introduced by Belgian refugees—the wearing of cat's skin for rheumatism and chest troubles.

One of the most curious of the exhibits is a sheep's heart, pierced with pins and nails to break the spell of a black witch. It was prepared by an old woman who practised witchcraft in London as late as 1908. She learned the secret of the charm from her

grandmother in South Devon, where it was popular with farmers. The black witches were supposed to bring about the death of sheep and cows by casting a spell over them, or by surreptitiously introducing the poisonous

leaves of the yew tree into their food. By taking the heart of a sheep which had fallen victim to these machinations, piercing it with pins and nails, and hanging it up in the chimney, the spell was supposed to be broken.

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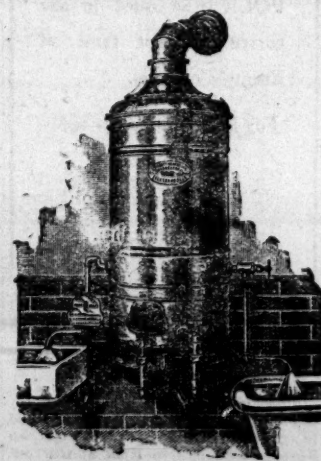
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Shanghai Pahang	Tls. 13.
Sungai	Tls. 1.80 B.
Sungai Deli	Tls. 1 1/2 B.
Sua Manggis	Tls. 11 1/2
Suai Kalimantan	Tls. 6 1/2 B.
Shanghai Seremban	Tls. 1
Tapias	Tls. 0.96
Tanah Merah	Tls. 2.15 Sa.
Tebons	Tls. 1.10 B.
Tuboh	Tls. 20 1/2 B.
Tls. 2 1/2 B.	
Ziangbe	Tls. 6.05 B.
Miscellaneous	
C. I. and B. Lumber	Tls. 110
Cult. Dairy	Tls. 10 S.
S'hai Elec. and Asb.	\$2
Shanghai Trans.	Tls. 76
Shanghai Gas	Tls. 24.
Home Exarar	Tls. 30
Shanghai Mercury	Tls. 86 S.
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Exchange and Bullion

Shanghai, April 16, 1917.

Money and Bullion

Gold Dollars Bank's buying rate

G. \$1.00 @ \$4 = Tls. 1.19 @ 72.4 =

Mex. Dollars. Market rate... 72.10

S'hai Gold Bars: 978 touch... —

Bar Silver... —

Copper Cash... 1781

Sovereigns: —

Buying rate @ 3/5 1/2 = Tls. 5.78

Exch. @ 72.4 = Mex. \$ 7.99

Peking Bar... 202

Native Interest... .04

Latest London Quotations

Bar Silver... 86 1/2 d.

Bank Rate of Discount... 5%

Market rate of discount: —

3 m-s... %

4 m-s... %

6 m-s... %

Exchange on Shanghai, 60 d-s

Ex. Paris on London... Fr. 27.20

Ex. N. Y. on London T.T. \$ 476 1/2

Consols... —

Exchange Closing Quotations

London... T.T. 3-5 1/2

London... Demand 3-5 1/2

India... (nominal) T.T. 25 1/2

Paris... Demand 47 1/2

New York... Demand 82 1/2

Hongkong... T.T. 68 1/2

Japan... T.T. 61 1/2

Batavia... T.T. 201

Bank's Buying Rates

London... 4 m-s. Cds. 3-7 1/2

London... 6 m-s. Cds. 3-7 1/2

London... 6 m-s. Dooy. 3-7 1/2

Paris... 4 m-s. 492 1/2

New York... 4 m-s. 85 1/2

CUSTOMS HOUSE EXCHANGE

RATES FOR APRIL

Hk. Tls. 5.13 @ 3/5 1/2 = \$1

" 1 @ 4 1/2 = France 5.36

" 1 @ 4 1/2 = Gold \$4.83

" 1 @ 4 1/2 = Yen 1.19

" 1 @ 15 = Rupees 2.30

" 1 @ 2.38 = Roubles 3.21

" 1 @ 1.60 = Mex. \$1.60

" Nominal.

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London Rubber Market

London, April 10.—Today's rubber

prices were:—

Plantation First Latex Crepe:

Spot: 3s. 2d. Paid.

April to June: 3s. 2d. Paid.

Tendency of Market: Firmer.

Previous Quotation, London, April

10:—

Spot: 3s. 1 1/2 d. Paid.

April to June: 3s. 1 1/2 d. Sellers.

Tendency of Market: Quiet.

London, April 11.—Today's rubber

prices were:—

Plantation First Latex Crepe:

Spot: 3s. 1 1/2 d. Paid.

April to June: 3s. 1 1/2 d. Paid.

Tendency of Market: Quieter.

Previous Quotation, London, April

10:—

Spot: 3s. 2d. Paid.

April to June: 3s. 2d. Paid.

Tendency of Market: Firm.

COMMERCIAL CABLES

London, April 10.—Today's rates

prices and deliveries were as follows:

Consols 2 1/2 % for a/c... 15 1/2

Cheques on London at Paris Fr. 27.20

T.T. on London at New York G. \$476 1/2

Bar Silver (Spot)... 36 1/2 d.

Bank of England Rate of Dis-

count... 5 %

Market rate of Discount... 4 1/2 %

Cotton; Egyptian P. G. F... 26.25 d.

Cotton; M. G. Fine Seide... 10.85 d.

Cotton; Mid-American Spot... 12.99 d.

Plantation Rubber April

(paid)... 3s. 1 1/2 d.

Deliveries China Silk... 41 bales

Deliveries Japan Silk... 20 bales

Deliveries Japan Silk... 5 bales

Tone of Tea Market: Firm.

U. K. METAL MARKET

London, April 10.—Today's metal

prices were:—

Standard Copper G. M. B. f. s. d.

American Electrolytic 99 136 5 0

90% Copper f. o. b. 151 0 0

Lead L. B. C. i. f. per ton... Nominal

Soft Lead "Spanish" f. o. b. 30 0 0

Quicksilver Second hand EX

Warehouse f. o. b. (18

Extras in flask)... 20 0 0

Tinplates, I. C. W. 20-24 100

lbs. 112 Sheets per Case tin

lined Cases without Hoops

f. o. b. Wales, (Nominal) 31 0

Muntz Metal, f. o. b. London

or Liverpool (less 1/4 %)... 16 1/2 d.

Standard Tin (Cash)... 216 5 0

Spelter (only soft) f. o. b. 53 10 0

Galvanised Sheets 24 Gauge

f. o. b. 26 5 0

Standard Tin (3 Months)... 216 5 0

BAR SILVER

London, April 10.—Today's silver

prices were as follows:—

Bar Silver Spot: 36 1/2 d. Steady.

Previous quotation, London, April 5:

Bar Silver Spot: 36 1/2 d. Quiet.

Market closed until Tuesday.

Stock Exchange

Transactions

TODAY'S QUOTATIONS

Shanghai, April 16, 1917.

Official

Anglo-Javas Tls. 10.20

Gulas Tls. 7.90

Samagagas Tls. 1.05

Taipingas Tls. 2.15

H. and S. Banks \$665.00

Sumatras Tls. 145.00

Sharebrokers' Association

Transactions

BUSINESS DONE

Shanghai, April 16, 1917.

Official

Langkats Tls. 17.75 cash

S.M.C. 6% Debs. 1916

Cathays ord Tls. 6.00 cash

Direct

Samagagas Tls. 1.05 cash

LANGKAT DAILY OUTPUT

The following telegraphic in-

formation has been received by

the general agent from the

Sumatra director and manager of

the Maatschappij tot Mij-

bosch-en Landbouwexploitatie in

Langkat:

"The output of crude oil for

April 15 was 83 tons."

Ziangbe Rubber Co., Ltd.

The annual general meeting of the

Ziangbe Rubber Co., Ltd., was held

yesterday at No. 10 Canton Road.

There were present: Mr. W. S.

Davidson (presiding), Messrs. C. W.

Wrightson and E. S. Kadoorie

(directors), Mr. A. J. Welch

(secretary), and shareholders re-

presenting 121,710 shares.

The chairman said:

Gentlemen, as the report and ac-

counts have been in your hands for

some time, with your permission, I

will take them as read.

The Auditors' Report is as fol-

lows:

"We have obtained all the in-

formation and explanations we have

required. The dividend declared by

N. V. Banjoemas Landen has been

taken from a telegram received

March 29, 1917, by the General Man-

agers. Subject to the foregoing the

above Balance Sheet is in our

opinion properly drawn up so as to

exhibit a true and correct view of

the state of the Company's affairs

according to the best of our infor-

mation and the explanations given us

and as shown by the books.

(sign.) Lowe, Bingham & Matthews,

Auditors."

Following what may now be look-

ed upon as an established practice,

I will deal first with the areas and

harvests, and discuss the Accounts

afterwards.

Last year when addressing you I

told you that the new clearing on

Bando-Ardjo Estate was approxi-

mately 270 acres.

From the Report now before you,

I can see that the clearing has

been determined by survey and is

Chinese and Foreign Banking Announcements

Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China

Incorporated by Royal Charter 1853.
Capital£1,500,000
Reserve Fund1,500,000
Reserve Liability of Shareholders1,500,000

Head Office:
25 BISHOPSGATE, LONDON, E. C.

Court of Directors:
Mr. Montagu Cornish Turner, Chairman.
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The National Provincial Bank of England, Limited.
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Shanghai Branch, 18 The Bund.
Drafts granted on the above Agencies and Branches and also on the principal Commercial Cities throughout the world. Bills of Exchange bought and received for Collection. Travelling Letters of Credit issued and every description of Banking and Exchange business undertaken.
Interest allowed on Current Deposit Account, according to arrangement.
Fixed Deposits are received for twelve months and shorter periods at rates to be ascertained on application.

W. B. SUTHERLAND, Manager.

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE

CapitalFr. 48,000,000.00
ReserveFr. 48,000,000.00

Succursales et Agences:
Bangkok, Hanoi, Saigon, Batambang, Hongkong, Shanghai, Canton, Menzies, Singapore, Djibouti, Noumea, Tientsin, Dondichery, Peking, Tourane, Haiphong, Papeete, Hankou, Phnom-Penh.

Banks:
In France: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Credit Lyonnais; Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas; Credit Industriel et Commercial; Societe Generale.
In London: The Union of London and Smith's Bank, Ltd.; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Credit Lyonnais.

While Shanghai Agency undertakes all banking operations and exchange business, grants credits on goods and approved securities and receives deposits on current and fixed deposits according to arrangement.

L. ARDAIN, Manager.

Banque Belge Pour L'Etranger

Filiale de la Societe Generale de Belgique
Societe Anonyme

Paid-up CapitalFr. 30,000,000

Head Office: BRUSSELS.
London office: 2 Bishopsgate.
Branches at Peking, Tientsin, Alexandria, Cairo (Egypt), and Rotterdam.

President: JEAN JADOT
Gouverneur Societe Generale de Belgique.

Banks:
London: Martin's Bank, Ltd.
Brussels: Societe Generale de Belgique.
Antwerp: Banque d'Anvers.
Paris: Banque de l'Union Parisienne, Societe Anonyme.
Lyons and Marseilles: Comptoir National d'Escompte d'Alsace.
New York: National City Bank of New York.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts, Tails and fixed deposits according to arrangement.
Every description of banking and exchange business transacted.
M. DEMETS, Manager for China.

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

Paid-up Capital\$15,000,000
Reserve Funds:
Sterling, £1,500,000 @ 2s. \$15,000,000
Silver15,500,000
\$35,500,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors\$15,000,000

Head Office: HONGKONG

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London Bankers:
London County and Westminster Bank, Ltd.

Shanghai Branch: 12, The Bund.

Sub-Agency: 9 Broadway.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.

Local Bills Discounted.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, Africa, China, Japan and America.

A. G. STEPHEN, Manager.

Russo-Asiatic Bank

Roubles.

Capital (fully-paid)55,000,000

Reserve Fund24,600,000

Kpg. Tls.

Capital Contributed by the Chinese Government ... 3,500,000

Reserve Fund1,743,000

Head Office: PETROGRAD.

Paris Office: 9, Rue Boudreau.

London Office: 64, Old Broad St., E.C.

Banks:

London: Messrs. Glyn, Mills, Currie & Co.

Paris: Societe Generale pour favoriser le Developement de Commerce et de l'Industrie en France. Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas.

Lyons: Societe Generale pour favoriser le Developement du Commerce et de l'Industrie en France.

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Interest allowed on Current Account and Fixed Deposits in Tails, Dollars and Roubles. Terms on application.

Local Bills discounted. Special facilities for Russian Exchange.

Foreign Exchange on the principal cities of the world bought and sold.

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The Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank, Ltd.

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Paid-Up Capital\$ 300,000.00

Reserves\$ 10,000.00

Deposits (Dec. 31, 1916) \$1,400,000.00

Correspondents at principal cities in China, and domestic exchange a speciality.

Credits granted on approved securities. Bills discounted.

Current account in both tails and dollars with interest, may be opened on application.

Particulars of interest allowed on fixed deposits, in both tails and dollars, will be furnished on request.

K. P. CHEN, General Manager.

The Bank of China.

(Specially authorised by Presidential Mandate of 15th April, 1915)

Authorised Capital\$60,000,000

Paid-up Capital\$10,000,000

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.

Branches and Agencies:

Peking, Tientsin, Newchwang, Mukden, Changchun, Harbin, Dairen, Tsinan, Tsingtau, Kaifung, Hankow, Ichang, Shanghai, Wuhu, Yangchow, Chinkiang, Nanking, Shanghai, Hangchow, Ningpo, Fochow, Canton, Nanchang, Taiyuen, etc., etc.

SHANGHAI BRANCH, 3 HANKOW ROAD.

Loans granted on approved securities. Local bills discounted.

Interest allowed on Current Deposit Account in Tails at the rate of 2 per cent per annum and on Fixed Deposits at the following rates:

For 3 months at the rate of 3 per cent per annum.

For 6 months at the rate of 4 per cent per annum.

For 12 months at the rate of 5 per cent per annum.

SUNG HAN-CHANG, Manager.

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

Saving Bank Office:

12 The Bund, and 9 Broadway.

Deposits of not less than \$1. or over \$100, will be received at one time.

Not more than \$1,200 will be received in one year from any single depositor whose credit balance shall not at any time exceed the sum of \$5,000.

Interest at the rate of 3 1/4 per cent per annum will be allowed on the monthly minimum balance.

Deposits may be withdrawn on demand. Accounts will be kept either in Mexican Dollars or Tails, at the option of the depositor.

Depositors will be presented with Pass Books in which all transactions will be entered. Pass Books must be presented when paying in or withdrawing money.

Office Hours—10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

A. G. STEPHEN, Manager.

Banque Industrielle de Chine

CapitalFr. 45,000,000

One-third of the Capital, i. e. Fr. 15,000,000, subscribed by THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CHINESE REPUBLIC

Statutes approved by the Government of the Chinese Republic on January 11, 1913.

President, Andre Berthelot.

General Manager, A. J. Pernotte.

HEAD OFFICE: 74, Rue St. Lazare, PARIS.

Branches in Peking, Tientsin and Shanghai.

BANKERS:

In France: Societe Generale pour le Developement du Commerce et de l'Industrie en France.

In London: London, County and Westminster Bank, Ltd.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

G. LION, Manager.

Yokohama Specie Bank, Limited

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Head Office: YOKOHAMA, JAPAN.

Capital subscribed .. Yen 45,000,000

Capital paid-up .. " 30,000,000

Reserve Fund .. " 20,000,000

London Bankers:

Union of London & Smith's Bank, The London Joint Stock Bank, Parr's Bank, Ltd.

Branches and Agencies:

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SHANGHAI BRANCH

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits in Tails and Dollars, according to arrangement.

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K. KODAMA, Manager.

International Banking Corporation

Head Office:
National City Bank Building
60 Wall Street, New York

London Office:
36 Bishopsgate, E. C.

Capital paid-up...U.S. \$3,250,000.00

Reserve and Undivided Profits3,981,774.11

U.S. \$7,181,774.11

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H. C. GULLAND, Manager.

Bank of Communications

Specially authorized by Presidential Mandates of April 7, 1914 and October 31, 1915.

Paid up Capital: Kumping Tails 10,000,000

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.

50 Branches and Agencies at principal commercial places in China.

SHANGHAI BRANCH

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Fixed Deposits in Tails and Dollars according to arrangements.

Credit granted on Approved Securities and Every Description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.

CHAO CHING HUA, Manager.

Nederlandsche Handel Maatschappij

(NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY.)

Established 1824.

Paid-up Capital—

Gulds 60,000,000 (about £5,000,000)

Reserve Funds—

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Head Agency: BATAVIA

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London Bankers:

Union of London and Smith's Bank, Ltd.

Correspondents at the principal places in Europe, Asia, Australia and North America.

The Bank buys, sells, and receives for collection bills of exchange, issues letters of credit on its branches and correspondents, and transacts banking business of every description.

Current accounts kept in tails and dollars.

SHANGHAI INTEREST ALLOWED on current tail accounts and fixed deposits, according to arrangement.

B. G. J. WYNBERG, Manager.

Commercial Bank of China

Head office: SHANGHAI

Subscribed Capital. Sh. Tls. 5,000,000

Paid-up Capital .. Sh. Tls. 2,500,000

Advances made on approved securities. Bills discounted.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent per annum on daily balance. On Fixed deposits:

For 3 months at 3 1/2 per annum.

For 6 months at 4 per annum.

For 12 months at 5 per annum.

On Deposits in Dollars according to arrangement.

H. C. MARSHALL, Chief Manager.

The Bank of Canton, Limited.

Incorporated 1912.

Authorised CapitalH.\$2,000,000

Subscribed and paid up CapitalH.\$1,371,500

Reserve FundH.\$ 120,000

Investment reserve fund H.\$ 20,000

Head Office:

No. 6 Des Voeux Road, Hongkong.

Shanghai Office:

No. 2 Ningpo Road.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

IUKUUN, Manager.

The Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd.

Authorised Capital£1,500,000

Subscribed Capital1,125,000

Paid-up Capital562,500

Reserve Fund600,000

HEAD OFFICE, 15 Gracechurch Street, LONDON, E. C.

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Shanghai Branch.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Interest allowed on Tael Current Accounts at 2 per annum and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.

C. T. BEATH, Acting Manager.

7 Nanking Road. 9752

BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS

Specially authorized by Presidential Mandates of April 7, 1914 and October 31, 1915.

Paid up Capital: Kumping Tails 10,000,000

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.

50 Branches and Agencies at principal commercial places in China.

SHANGHAI BRANCH

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Fixed Deposits in Tails and Dollars according to arrangements.

Credit granted on Approved Securities and Every Description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.

CHAO CHING HUA, Manager.

Sumitomo Bank, Limited

SHANGHAI BRANCH

1, Kiukiang Road

Capital (Paid-up). Yen 15,000,000

Reserves Yen 1,720,000

Deposits Yen 120,000,000

President, Baron K. SUMITOMO

Head Office: OSAKA.

Branches:

Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya, Kyoto, Osaka, Kobe, Hyogo, Onomichi, Kure, Niigama, Hiroshima, Yamai, Shimonoeki, Moji, Wakamatsu, Fukuoka, Kurume, Honolulu, San Francisco, Bombay and Hankow.

London Bankers:

LLOYDS BANK, LIMITED.

GENERAL SHIPPING NEWS

Future Sailings
FOR AMERICA AND CANADA

Date	Time	Destination	Ship's Name	Flag	Agents
Apr 17	6.30	Tacoma & Seattle	Hawaii maru	Jap.	O. S. K.
18	5.00	San Francisco	Persia maru	Jap.	A. T. Co.
19	5.00	San Francisco	Korea maru	Jap.	A. T. Co.
May 1	..	San Francisco	Awa maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
6	..	Seattle, Victoria etc.	Yokohama maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
14	..	Seattle, Victoria etc.	Siberia maru	Jap.	A. T. Co.
15	..	San Francisco

FOR JAPAN PORTS

Apr 17	6.30	Nagasaki, Moji & Kobe	Yamashiro maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
17	D.L.	Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Hawaii maru	Jap.	O. S. K.
18	5.00	Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Persia maru	Jap.	A. T. Co.
19	5.00	Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Korea maru	Jap.	A. T. Co.
20	8.30	Kobe & Osaka	Komatsu maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
20	9.30	Nagasaki, Moji & Kobe	Yamashiro maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
21	10.30	Nagasaki, Moji & Kobe	Omi maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
24	..	Nagasaki, Moji & Kobe	Chikugo maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
27	3.00	Nagasaki	Penza	Rus.	R. V. F.
28	..	Nagasaki, Moji & Kobe	Hakui maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.

FOR EUROPE, INDIA, STRAITS, ETC.

May 2	..	London etc.	Hirano maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
5	..	London etc.	Fushimi maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
18	..	London etc.	Kaga maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.

FOR SOUTHERN PORTS

Apr 17	A.M.	Swatow	Hsinking	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.
17	8.30	Hongkong & Canton	Chenau	Br.	B. & S.
17	8.30	Ningpo	Kiangtse	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.
18	4.00	Ningpo	Hsio Pekine	Br.	B. & S.
18	4.00	Ningpo	Hsio Ningshao	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.
18	P.M.	Wenchow via Ningpo	Poochi	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.
18	A.M.	Hongkong & Canton	Kwanlee	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.
18	D.L.	Swatow	Wosang	Br.	J.M. & Co.
19	8.30	Hongkong	Awa maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
19	D.L.	Amoy, Hongkong & Canton	Sinkiang	Br.	B. & S.
20	D.L.	Swatow	Tamsui	Br.	B. & S.
21	10.00	Takao via F'chow & Keelung	Otowa maru	Jap.	O. S. K.
21	10.30	Takao via F'chow & Keelung	Koboku maru	Jap.	O. S. K.
21	D.L.	Hongkong & Canton	Anhui	Br.	B. & S.
21	D.L.	Hongkong & Canton	Sunking	Br.	B. & S.
24	D.L.	Amoy, Hongkong & Canton	Shantung	Br.	B. & S.

FOR NORTHERN PORTS

Apr 17	7.00	Dalry	Sakaki maru	Jap.	S. M. R.
17	3.00	Weihaiwei, Chefoo & T'sin	Tungchow	Br.	B. & S.
18	8.00	Tsingtao	Sanyo maru	Jap.	S. M. R.
18	10.00	Weihaiwei, Chefoo & T'sin	Kingsong	Br.	J.M. & Co.
19	D.L.	Chefoo & Newchwang	Paoine	Br.	B. & S.
20	D.L.	Newchwang	Kiukiang	Br.	B. & S.
20	9.30	Tsingtao & Dalry	Shanyo maru	Jap.	S. M. R.
21	noon	Tsingtao	Omo maru	Jap.	S. M. R.
24	0.30	T'sin & Dalry via Tsingtao	Keelung maru	Jap.	O. S. K.
27	3.00	Vladivostok	Penza	Rus.	R. V. F.

FOR RIVER PORTS

Apr 17	M.N.	Hankow etc.	Luenyi	Br.	B. & S.
17	M.N.	do	Suiwo	Br.	J.M. & Co.
17	M.N.	do	Fengyang maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
18	M.N.	do	Tehsing	Br.	Geddes & Co.
18	M.N.	do	Yohyang maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
18	M.N.	do	Kiangkwan	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.
18	M.N.	do	Neankin	Br.	B. & S.
19	M.N.	do	Tachang maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
19	M.N.	do	Kutwo	Br.	J.M. & Co.
19	M.N.	do	Kiangshin	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.
20	M.N.	do	Tachi maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
20	M.N.	do	Tatung	Br.	B. & S.
20	M.N.	do	Tuckwo	Br.	J.M. & Co.
21	M.N.	do	Wuchang	Br.	B. & S.
21	M.N.	do	Shangyang maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
22	M.N.	do	Kiangto	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.
23	M.N.	do	Kiangwah	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.
23	M.N.	do	Tafu maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
24	M.N.	do	Tungting	Br.	B. & S.

*A.M. M.N.—Midnight. D.L.—Daylight.

Arrivals

Date	From	Ship's Name	Tons	Flag	Agents	Berth
Apr 15	Ningpo	Hsin Peking	2968	Br.	B. & S.	ONOW
15	Ningpo	Hsin Ningshao	2151	Chi.	N.S.N. Co.	NSCW
16	Dalry	Sakaki maru	1946	Jap.	S. M. R.	SNRW
16	Japan	Kumano maru	3147	Jap.	N. Y. K.	WW
16	Hongkong	Sinkiang	1616	Br.	B. & S.	CNPW
16	Swatow	Wosang	1127	Br.	J.M. & Co.	SW
16	Hankow	Tachi maru	1828	Jap.	N. Y. K.	LPDW
16	Hankow	Ngankin	1719	Br.	B. & S.	CNW

Departures

Date	For	Ship's Name	Tons	Flag	Agents
Apr 15	Rooshow	Hsinchi	1385	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.
15	Hankow etc.	Luenbo	1520	Br.	J.M. & Co.
15	Hankow etc.	Talee maru	1126	Jap.	N. Y. K.
15	Hongkong and Canton	Yingchow	1992	Br.	B. & S.
16	Ningpo	Hsin Peking	2968	Br.	B. & S.
16	Ningpo	Hsin Ningshao	2151	Chi.	N.S.N. Co.

Vessels In Harbor And At Woosung

Arrived	From	Ship's Name	Tons	Flag	Agents	Berth
Nov 14	Hankow	Albena	2769	Ger.	Carlows	US
Aug 4	Hongkong	Bohemia	4282	Aus.	Aus. Lloyd	B VII
Aug 5	Hongkong	China	3888	Aus.	Aus. Lloyd	B XIII
Apr 14	Hongkong	Chenau	1053	Br.	B. & S.	CNPW
Aug 8	Hongkong	D. Rickmers	2651	Ger.	H. D. & Co	USA
Dec 27	Nanking	Fortuna	182	Ger.	H. D. & Co	US
Apr 5	Hankow	Pengyang maru	2908	Jap.	N. Y. K.	KND
Apr 14	..	Fujian maru	1276	Jap.	M. B. K.	MBKW
Apr 15	Hongkong	Glenfraser	581	Chi.	H. Y. P. I.	CoHPW
Apr 6	Hankow	Hsinchi	1385	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.	KLYW
Apr 14	Swatow	Hsinchi	1385	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.	KLYW
Apr 15	Hongkong	Hawaii maru	2130	Br.	J.M. & Co.	SHW
Apr 11	Tientsin	Koonshing	1268	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.	KLYW
Apr 15	Hongkong	Kwanglee	2886	Br.	J.M. & Co	SHW
Apr 12	Hankow	Luenyi	1735	Br.	B. & S.	ONOW
Apr 15	Hankow	Meldah	1682	Ger.	Melchers	US
July 30	Hankow	Mellee	1682	Ger.	Melcher	US
Mar 18	Ningpo	Mitoo	406	Aus.	S. O. H. Co	SOCW
Apr 8	Hongkong	Nippon	4013	Sw.	E. A. G.	SHW
Apr 14	Wenchow	Poochi	621	Chi.	C. M. S. N. Co.	KLYW
July 30	Tsingtao	Sikang	1840	Ger.	H. A. L.	US
July 30	Hongkong	Streis	3318	Aus.	Aus. Lloyd	B IX
Mar 25	Cruise	Store Nordiske	596	Dan	G. N. T. Co.	7 p
Apr 15	Hankow	Suiwo	1931	Br.	J.M. & Co.	H W
Apr 15	Tientsin	Tungchow	1931	Br.	B. & S.	CNW
Apr 15	Hankow	Tehsing	937	Br.	Geddes & Co.	NSCW
Apr 14	Japan	Yamashiro maru	2286	Jap.	N. Y. K.	NYKW

Vessels Loading
For River Ports

HANKOW AND PORTS.—The Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s str. Suwo, 2,671 tons, Captain Sayle, will leave on Tuesday, April 17 at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., General Managers. Tel. No. 240.

HANKOW AND PORTS.—The China Navigation Co.'s str. Luenyi, Captain Frazier, will leave from the French Bund on Tuesday, April 17, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield & Swire, Agents, French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

HANKOW AND PORTS.—The Co's str. Fengyang Maru Capt. S. Takano will be despatched from N.Y.K. Wharf on Tuesday April 17 at about 12 o'clock midnight. The last steam launch will leave Canton Road jetty at 11 p.m. For Freight and Passage apply to The Nishin Kisen Kaisha. No. 5 The Bund Tel. No. 3256.

HANKOW AND PORTS.—The China Navigation Co.'s str. Ngankin, Capt. Newcomb, will leave from the French Bund on Wednesday, April 18, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents, French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

HANKOW AND PORTS.—The str. Kiangkwan, Capt. C. B. Conley, will leave on Wednesday night. For Freight or Passage apply to C.M.S.N. Co.

For Southern Ports

SWATOW.—The str. Hsinking, Capt. J. Halkett, will leave on Tuesday morning. For Freight or Passage apply to C.M.S.N. Co.

HONGKONG AND CANTON.—The China Navigation Co.'s str. Chenau, Captain P. Hill, will leave from the French Bund direct for the above ports on Tuesday, April 17, at 8 a.m. For Freight or Passage apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents, French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

HONGKONG AND CANTON.—The str. Kwanglee, Capt. A. P. Sangster, will leave on Wednesday morning. For Freight or Passage apply to C.M.S.N. Co.

WENCHOW via NINGPO.—The str. Poochi, Capt. J. Mackie, will leave on Wednesday night. For Freight or Passage apply to C.M.S.N. Co.

NINGPO.—The China Navigation Co.'s str. Hsin Peking, Captain A. Stott, R.N.R., will leave from the French Bund on Wednesday, the 18th Apr., at 4 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents, French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

AMOI, HONGKONG AND CANTON.—The China Navigation Co.'s str. Sinkiang, Captain Benson, will leave from the French Bund direct for the above ports on Thursday, April 19, at daylight. For Freight or Passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Agents, French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

SWATOW.—The China Navigation Co.'s str. Tamsui, Capt. J. S. de Wolf, will leave from the French Bund on Friday, April 20, daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents, French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

TAKAO (Formosa) via POOCHOW and KIEELUNG.—The str. Otowa Maru, Capt. K. Nomura, will be despatched from the Co's Pootung wharf on Saturday, April 21, at 10 a.m. The steam-launch conveying passengers on board will leave the jetty in front of the Nishin Kisen Kaisha at 9 a.m. on the same day. For Freight and Passage, please apply to The Osaka Shosen Kaisha, No. 4, The Bund. Tel. No. 4234.

WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO AND TIEN-TSIN.—The China Navigation Co.'s str. Shuntien, Captain Northcombe, will leave from the French Bund on Sunday, April 15, at 3 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents, French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO AND TIEN-TSIN.—The China Navigation Co.'s str. Tungchow, Capt. Bennett, will leave from the French Bund on Tuesday, April 17, at 3 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents, French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

CHEFOO AND NEWCHWANG.—The China Navigation Co.'s str. Paoine, Capt. P. R. Purcell, will leave on Thursday, April 19, at daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents, Tel. No. 77.

TODAY
The launch conveying passengers to the N.K.K. str. Fengyang Maru will leave the Canton Road jetty at 11 p.m.

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Section	Date	From	Name	Flag and Rating	Tons	Guns	Men	Commander
P&O	Apr. 13	Cruise	Quilros	Am-g-b.	1392	8	159	Hanson
ODW	Mar. 5	Cruise	Wilmington	Am-g-b.	1392	8	159	Chadwick

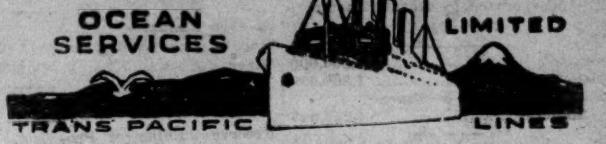
The French gunboats D. de Lagree and Declede, the Japanese gunboats Fushimi, Sumida and Toba, and the British gunboat Woodlark are not included in this list, being dismantled.

TIENTSIN and DAIREN via TSINGTAO.—The str. Keelung Maru, Capt. T. Kamashi, will be despatched from the Co's Yangtsepooh wharf on Tuesday, April 24, at 0.30 p.m. The steam-launch conveying passengers on board will leave the jetty in front of the Nishin Kisen Kaisha at 11.30 a.m. on the same day. For Freight and Passage, please apply to The Osaka Shosen Kaisha, No. 4, The Bund. Tel. No. 4234.

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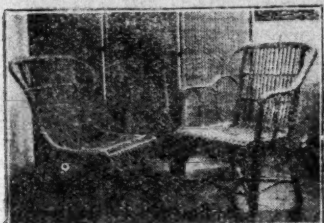
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9	523	912	1416	1848	2348
12	525	914	1427	1851	2357
36	533	919	1445	1853	2363
41	534	924	1452	1860	2370
49	539	925	1459	1887	2378
70	542	932	1479	1896	2380
80	548	938	1502	1919	2381
86	549	944	1523	1931	2386
87	554	975	1528	1942	2388
102	577	978	1537	1952	2390
105	579	979	1554	1955	2393
117	581	986	1567	1962	2401
134	582	1010	1590	1963	2419
137	595	1018	1598	1965	2439
163	599	1021	1607	1967	2442
198	603	1036	1608	1978	2450
244	604	1050	1611	1991	2486
251	608	1053	1620	1996	2488
256	635	1057	1645	2001	2507
259	666	1059	1647	2016	2524
281	669	1070	1678	2031	2525
289	670	1092	1681	2042	2528
304	673	1143	1690	2049	2537
305	701	1151	1691	2056	2552
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312	705	1173	1712	2088	2585
320	721	1180	1729	2094	2610
365	722	1184	1735	2103	2625
370	732	1192	1737	2127	2639
387	742	1198	1741	2131	2647
388	753	1202	1742	2133	2676
392	764	1212	1754	2155	2684
395	796	1214	1758	2165	2688
411	801	1221	1764	2192	2717
420	815	1257	1770	2193	2726
428	818	1274	1776	2207	2729
443	825	1277	1782	2215	2737
456	828	1310	1790	2216	2739
470	833	1327	1795	2223	2756
479	852	1332	1806	2245	2778
481	853	1334	1814	2277	2780
503	855	1339	1815	2285	2810
506	880	1347	1823	2312	2826
508	883	1357	1827	2326	2835
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